

MESSAGE

FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

TRANSMITTING

The information required by a resolution of the House of Representatives, of the 9th
ultimo,

IN RELATION TO THE

Report of the Register of the Land Office,

IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA.

MARCH 4, 1824.

Read, and referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

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To the House of Representatives:

I transmit the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, which communicates all the information in possession of the Department, called for by a resolution of the House, requesting a copy of the report of the Register of the Land Office in the Eastern District of Louisiana, bearing date the 6th of January, 1821, together with all the information from the said Register to the Treasury Department.

JAMES MONROE.

March, 1824.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 10, 1921. The report of the Secretary of the Treasury, which contains all the information in possession of the Department, is submitted for a resolution of the House requesting a copy of the report of the Secretary of the Land Office in the Treasury Department, together with the 15th of January, 1921, together with all the information from the said Secretary to the Treasury Department.

JAMES MONROE

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

February 26, 1824.

The Secretary of the Treasury, to whom was referred the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 9th instant, requesting "the President to lay before the House a copy of the report of the Register of the Land Office in the Eastern District of Louisiana, &c." has the honor to transmit, herewith, sundry documents, which contain all the information required by the resolution, that has come to the knowledge, or is in the possession of, this Department.

The PRESIDENT of the United States.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

February 20, 1824.

SIR: In obedience to your directions, I have carefully inspected the records of this office, and with the exception of your letter transmitting to Congress the report of the Register of the Land Office at New Orleans, dated the 6th of January, 1821, I cannot discover, in the correspondence between this Office and the said Register, any thing which has a bearing on the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 9th instant.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,
Your obedient servant,

EDWARD JONES,

Chief Clerk.

WILLIAM H. CRAWFORD, Esq.

Secretary of the Treasury.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

February 7, 1824.

SIR: It has been stated at this place, that you have said that you had made a report to this Department upon the fraudulent grants which were confirmed by the act of the last session of Congress; but, as no such communication has been received at this office, I am directed by the Secretary of the Treasury to request that you will furnish him, as soon as practicable, with a copy of the document in question,

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

EDWARD JONES, *Chief Clerk.*

SAMUEL H. HARPER, Esq.

Register of the Land Office, New Orleans.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

1st January, 1823.

SIR: In compliance with the sixth section of the act of the 11th of May, 1820, entitled "An act supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana," I have the honor to transmit the reports made in pursuance of the said act, by the Registers of the Eastern District, and of the district north of Red river, in said state. No report has been received from the district of the Appelousas.

In the first of these reports, the claims filed under the 2d section of the act, are numbered from 1 to 89, inclusive, and, with the exception of numbers 26, 30, 38, 39, 41, 42, 44, 45, 55, 58, 63, 64, 68, 70, 80, and 87, are, in the words of the said section, founded upon Spanish grants, concessions or orders of survey, and ought, therefore, to be confirmed.

No. 26 is claimed under a survey made by the Surveyor General, in 1781, and certified by him to have been made by an order of Governor Galvez.

Nos. 39, 41, 42, 44, 58, 68, and 80, are supported by evidence of the same nature, and ought, therefore, to be confirmed.

No. 30 is claimed by purchase, and title derived by mesne conveyances from the estate of James Hubert Bellair, and was inventoried on the 10th of August, 1767, by authority of the French government, and sold by the same authority; it therefore, in my opinion, ought to be confirmed.

No. 38 is claimed by purchase, under a deed of sale executed in 1794. The Surveyor, Portier, certifies, that the plat accompanying the claim, is conformable to the plat made by the Surveyor General, of the province of Louisiana, on the 22d of June, 1781. It is further proved, by the deposition of two witnesses, that a tract of twenty-one arpens front, of which this claim is a part, was granted by Governor Owzaga to the widow Grondel. The Register does not certify the credibility of the witnesses, or of Portier the surveyor. The claim is, therefore, doubtful, as it is not proven that possession, even under the deed, has been taken by the claimant, or by those under whom he derives his title. I am of opinion that the claim ought not to be confirmed.

No. 45 is claimed by purchase, and the claimants prove that the land was granted by the French government, and that the witnesses had seen the grant. The law provides for Spanish, and not French titles; but, if this was the only objection, the claim ought to be confirmed. The Register has not certified the credibility of the witnesses; no mesne conveyances are produced, or possession, or cultivation proven. As the grant is asserted to have been made by the French government, it is highly probable more than one descent has been

cast. The name of the grantee is not even stated, nor any deduction of title exhibited. I am, therefore, of opinion, that this claim ought not to be confirmed.

No. 55 is claimed by purchase at auction, by the register of wills, and the land was surveyed by the Surveyor General of the province. As this sale was made by the authority of an officer of the Government, in the discharge of his official duty, I am of opinion that this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 63 is claimed by purchase, and a deed of sale is produced, dated in the year 1781, made by authority of the Spanish government. The evidence in this case is not full, but it is probably the fault of the Register that it is so. Taking the fact asserted, that the sale was made by the authority of the government, as established, I am of opinion that the claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 64 is claimed in part by purchase, and part by grant. The Register states, that the part not granted, or for which no grant is produced, has been possessed and cultivated during the Spanish government; I am, therefore, of opinion the claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 70 is claimed by purchase. No grant, concession, or order of survey is produced; but, a deed bearing date the 26th of April, 1786, states, that the land had been granted on the 20th of February, 1725; other collateral written evidence is also produced, and cultivation for forty years is proven. The claim is, therefore, recommended for confirmation.

No. 87 is claimed by purchase, and it is proven by two respectable witnesses, that the land was surveyed and granted by the Spanish government. It is also proven, that the land has been peaceably cultivated for thirty years past, by the claimant, and those under whom he claims. It is, therefore, recommended for confirmation.

The claims in which, under the 4th section of the act, additional evidence has been offered, are numbered by the Register, from 90 to 103, inclusive, and, with the exception of numbers 96, 97, 101, 102, and 103, are founded upon Spanish grants, concessions, or orders of survey, and ought, agreeably to the provisions of the act, to be confirmed.

Nos. 96, 97, 101, and 103, are claims unsupported by any record evidence; nor is there evidence of any kind that they are founded upon grants, concessions, or orders of survey. They are, therefore, clearly not within the provisions of the act.

No. 102 is claimed under a Spanish grant, alleged to have been lost. It is proven by the Spanish surveyor, Pentado, and by a deputy surveyor of the United States, not named in the report, that the land was granted by the Governor Carondelet, and that Pentado surveyed it in conformity to the grant, and that the grant was seen by him in the possession of Bertrand Gravin. The credibility of the witnesses is not stated by the Register, unless it was intended by him to be inferred from the offices which they held. Admitting the facts stated, to be established, the claim ought to be confirmed.

All these claims are for small tracts, such as the Spanish government was in the habit of granting. The idea of speculation or fraud, ought not, therefore, to be entertained, as to most of them. This observation applies to claims, Nos. 96, 97, 101, and 103, in some of which, levees have been made and kept in repair, which is an important condition in all grants fronting on the river Mississippi, and other streams subject to periodical inundations.

The report of the Register of the district, north of Red river, does not distinguish between claims filed under the second section of the act, and those in which additional evidence was produced under the 4th section. All the claims presented in the said report, in class the first, except Nos. 40, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, and 51, are founded upon Spanish grants, concessions, or orders of survey, and ought, therefore, to be confirmed.

No. 40 is claimed under an order of survey from governor Galvez, presumed to have been altered so as to transfer it to the land claimed.

The evidence in support of that presumption, is herewith submitted.

Nos. 44, 45, 46, 47, and 48, are claims for parts of the large claim of Baron de Bastrop, which exceeds a league square, and which has not been confirmed to the Baron. It is, therefore, presumed, that persons claiming under him, cannot, under the provisions of the act of the 11th of May, 1820, be placed in a better situation than the Baron.

No 51 is for six toises on each side of the Bayou Barthelemy, from its mouth to its source. The evidence offered by the claimant, and that which rebuts it, is submitted to the two houses of Congress. Of the claims reported by the Register, in the second class, there is none proven by record evidence, to be founded on Spanish grants, concessions, or orders of survey.

No. 38 is supported by authentic acts of alienation, passed before the commandant in 1787, 1793, and 1796, in the last of which, the preceding deeds are recited. It is alleged, that Jean Weigand had a concession of this land, and that it was deposited in the commandant's office. The tract has been settled nearly forty years.

No. 39 is supported by evidence very similar to the foregoing, and equally as strong. It is, therefore, my opinion, that both these claims ought to be confirmed.

No. 52 is claimed under a plat of survey, sheriff's title and possession, and settlement in 1799.

No. 60 is also claimed under plats of survey, in October, 1802, and six legal transfers passed before the commandant, between the years 1796, and 1801.

No. 61 is claimed under a plat of survey, dated the 26th of March, 1802. Possession and cultivation are proven for twenty-eight years; one descent has been cast, and the applicant is the heir of the first occupant. It is believed, therefore, that these three claims ought to be confirmed.

No. 54 is claimed under a plat of survey, dated the 21st of Febru-

ary, 1801, and that kind of possession dependent upon cutting and using wood. No collateral evidence in writing, is produced.

No. 55 is claimed by purchase; but no record evidence of grant, concession, or order of survey is produced. The mesne conveyances make no reference to any such title. Evidence of possession and cultivation, twenty-eight years since, is produced; but, it is presumed, that neither cultivation nor possession has been continued.

No. 56 is claimed upon evidence similar to that of the claim immediately preceding.

Nos. 57 and 58 are claimed by occupancy and cultivation. No record evidence of any kind, is produced.

No. 59 is claimed as a grave yard. It was enclosed in 1793, by the order of the commandant. No record or written evidence is produced.

The four last cases are clearly not within the provisions of the act. The third class of claims, commencing in the said report with number 62, and terminating with number 100, are not founded upon Spanish grants, concessions, or orders of survey, and no record evidence is produced, to shew that any such title ever existed; they are, in fact, settlement claims, and might have been confirmed as donations, had they been presented in due time, under the several acts which have been passed.

It may be proper to observe that, in the report of the Register of the district, north of Red river, the claims are not arranged and numbered in numerical order, but appear to have been numbered in the order in which they were presented by the applicants, and, subsequently, arranged into classes.

I remain, with respect,

Your most obedient servant,

WM. H. CRAWFORD.

The Hon. the SPEAKER
of the House of Representatives.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

General Land Office, 17th February, 1824.

SIR: In compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives, of the 9th instant, requesting the President of the United States to lay before that House, a copy of the report of the Register of the Land Office, in the Eastern District of the state of Louisiana, bearing date the 6th of January, 1821, together with all information from said Register to the Treasury Department, touching said report; more especially, copies of all information relative to any lands entered in the name of R. Martin, or his assignee, &c. which has been referred to this office, I have the honor to transmit the copy of

the report required, and to state, that the only lands claimed by R. Martin, or by others, for his use, are entered in the report as claims numbered 33, 34, 35, 36, 65, 66, and 67, and that there is no other information in this office, in relation to them.

I am very respectfully, sir,

Your obedient servant,

GEO. GRAHAM.

The Hon. WM. H. CRAWFORD,
Secretary of the Treasury.

REPORTS

Of the Register of the Land Office, for the Eastern District of Louisiana, on Land Claims, filed pursuant to the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled "An act supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of Land Claims in the state of Louisiana," passed the 11th of May, 1820.

CLASS FIRST.

Including claims to land entered pursuant to the second section of the act of Congress, passed the 11th day of May, 1820. and entitled "An act supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana."

No. 1. *John Pierre Burat*, claims a tract of land, in virtue of a Spanish order of survey, situate in the parish of Plaquemine, on the right bank of the Mississippi, having twenty arpens front, and forty arpens in depth, and bounded above and below by vacant lands.

An order of survey for this tract of land, was regularly issued by the proper Spanish officer, in the year 1798, which was duly executed by the Surveyor General of the province, Charles Laveau Trudeau, in the same year: and there is sufficient evidence of possession and continued occupancy by the claimant. I am therefore of opinion, his said claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 2. *Ambroise Brou* claims a tract of land, on which he resides, situate in the county of German Coast, parish of St. Charles, on the right bank of the Mississippi river, having four arpens, twenty-nine toises, two feet, three inches, and six lines in front, by a depth of eighty arpens; bounded on the upper side by lands of François Troscler, and on the lower side by the lands of Jacques Brou.

This land is claimed in virtue of a concession of the Spanish Government, to the father of the claimant, (under whom he holds) of nine arpens, twenty-six toises in front, by forty arpens in depth. Secondly, in virtue of a purchase of same front, and twenty arpens in depth, made by the said father of the claimant, of the Spanish Government; and thirdly, in virtue of another concession of twenty

arpens, in additional depth to the said front, the land of the claimant being half of the whole, to wit: 4 arpens, 29 toises, 2 feet, 3 inches, and 6 lines.

The documents exhibited by the claimant, clearly prove, that the concessions stated by him to have been made by the Spanish Government were duly made (by) that Government, and he further shews a continued possession, and occupancy. I am, therefore, of opinion, his claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 3. *Ambroise Brou* claims, by purchase, a tract of land, situate on the right bank of the Mississippi river, in the county of German Coast, parish of St. Charles, having two arpens, one foot, eight inches, and six lines in front, by forty arpens in depth, and bounded on the upper side by Jacques Brou, and on the lower, by lands of Isidore, (a free person of colour) as appears by the plot of survey, executed by the Surveyor General of the Spanish Government. Said land is one half of a concession, made by the Spanish Government, in the year 1784, to the person under whom the claimant holds; he also proves continued and uninterrupted possession and cultivation. I am, therefore, of opinion, his claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 4. Widow *François Delery*, in right of her husband, *François Delery*, deceased, claims a tract of land, situate in the county of Orleans, on the right bank of the river Mississippi, and bounded in front by the heirs of Delery; west by the lands of Peter Lartique; east by James Porte, and south by vacant lands as more (fully) appears by the plat of survey, executed by the surveyor of the Spanish Government, and exhibited to be recorded. Said land measures in front, twelve arpens and nine toises, and in depth, forty arpens; and is claimed in virtue of an order of survey, granted by the Spanish Government, and of continued habitation and cultivation by the claimant. It appears, that in the year 1795, the Baron Carondelet issued an order of survey for this land, in favor of *François Delery*, the husband of the claimant, and that it was duly executed the year following, by the Surveyor General of the province, and the party put in possession, as was usual by the surveyor. There is no positive proof, that the land in question has been continually inhabited and cultivated from the period of the concession; but I have no doubt of the fact from circumstances, and therefore think the claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 5. *Samuel Davenport* claims a tract of land, situate on the upper side of the bayou Moreau, in the county of Point Coupé, about twelve leagues above Point Coupé, measuring twenty arpens in front, on the Mississippi river, with a depth of forty arpens, and bounded on the lower side by lands of F. De Bois. This land is claimed in virtue of a Spanish grant in favour of Thomas Durcey, from whom the claimant purchased it, dated the 19th of November, 1792.

The claimant has produced the original grant for this land, as stated in his notice; and has also proved his purchase from the grantee. I am therefore of opinion, that his claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 6. *Joseph Castille* claims a tract of land, situate in the county of Iberville, having eight arpens in front, on the Mississippi river,

and measuring forty arpens in depth: this land is claimed in virtue of a complete Spanish grant, dated the 11th July, 1774.

The grant alluded to by the claimant, is on the records of my office; and, therefore, I am of opinion his claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 7. *Bernard Genois* claims, in virtue of a grant made to the person under whom he claims, by the Baron de Carondelet, dated the 29th of November, 1793, a tract of land, situate in the county of Orleans, adjoining Fort Saint John, having two arpens in front, with forty arpens in depth, as appears more fully by the figurative plan annexed.

The claimant produces the original grant, as stated in his notice made to Felicite Destrehen, a free woman of color, by the Baron de Carondelet, and also written evidence of his title under her by purchase. I am, therefore, of opinion his claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 8. The heirs of *Patrick Conway* claim a tract of land, in virtue of a concession from the Spanish Government, dated in the year 1786, and situated in the county of Point Coupé, having ten arpens in front, on the Mississippi, with a depth of forty arpens, bounded on one side by vacant lands, and on the other by lands of William Conway, as more fully appears by the plat of survey, executed by Charles Laveau Trudeau, in the year 1786.

The claimants produce a concession by General Miro, to Patrick Conway, under whom they claim, dated 1st day of December, 1786, together with a survey of said land, duly executed by the surveyor general, dated same year. It ought, therefore, in my opinion, to be confirmed.

No. 9. The heirs of *William Conway* claim a tract of land, situate in the county of Point Coupé, having ten arpens in front, on the Mississippi, with a depth of forty arpens, bounded on one side by the claim of Patrick Conway, and on the other side by the claim of Maurice Conway, as more fully appears from the plat of survey, executed by the Surveyor General of the Spanish Government, founded on an order of survey, granted by Governor Miro to William Conway, under whom they claim, dated in the year 1786.

The same facts having been proved in this case, as in the preceding, I am, consequently, of opinion the claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 10. The heirs of *Maurice Conway* claim, (in virtue of a Spanish grant, or concession, to Maurice Conway, under whom they claim, dated in the year 1789,) a tract of land, situate in the county of Point Coupé, having twenty arpens in front, with a depth of forty arpens, bounded on one side by the mouth of the False river, and on the other by the claim of William Conway.

The grant of the Spanish Government alluded to by the claimants, is on record in my office. I am, therefore, of opinion that this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 11. The widow and heirs of *Louis Darby*, claim, in virtue of an order of survey, granted by the Baron de Carondelet to Louis Darby (under whom he claims,) dated in 1792, a tract of land, situate in a Prairie fronting to the sea, in the district of Barrataria, having forty arpens front, by forty arpens in depth, bounded on one side

by the claim of Jacob Bachemen, and on the other by bayou Bastien, running an east south east course, adjoining a bayou emptying into the Mississippi.

The claimants produced the order of survey as mentioned in their notice; they also prove the loss of the survey made by the Surveyor General of the Spanish province, in the fire that happened in New Orleans, which was made in pursuance of said order, and they also prove possession and cultivation from the time of the aforesaid order. I am therefore of opinion his (their) claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 12. *Agustin Massicot* claims by inheritance a second depth of land, situate behind a first depth already confirmed to him, and being on the right bank of the Mississippi, in the county of German Coast, parish of Saint Charles; said front depth is bounded above by the lands of Stephen Reine, and below by lands of the heirs of Francis St. Armant; the land claimed has a front of twenty-two arpens, and twenty-seven toises, opening with a depth of forty arpens.

The claimant produces an order of survey, granted by Governor Galvez, in the year 1777, to James Massicot, under whom the claimant holds; he also proves possession and cultivation, for more than forty years; and therefore, in my opinion, the claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 13. *Ambroise Garidel* claims a tract of land, situate in the county of Lafourche, parish of Assumption, on the bayou Lafourche, having three arpens, thirteen toises, and three feet front, by a depth of forty arpens, as described in the plat of survey annexed.

The claimant holds by purchase under the title of Jean Olivier Hebert, to whom it was granted by the Spanish Government, in the year 1791, this land was actually surveyed by the Surveyor General of the province of Louisiana, in the year 1791, and makes part of another survey already confirmed to the claimant; I am, therefore, of opinion, that it ought to be confirmed.

No. 14. *Drausin La Branche and Brothers*, claim a tract of land by purchase at auction, situate in the county of Orleans, about thirteen miles above the city of New Orleans, on the right bank of the Mississippi, containing four hundred and thirty-six superficial arpens, bounded in front by lands of Louis Dufitre, and above and below by vacant lands, as more fully appears by the survey of Charles Lareau Trudeau, hereto annexed, made in favor of Charles Therry, in 1802, under whom they claim.

The claimants produce the actual survey made by the Surveyor General of the province of Louisiana, as stated in their notice of claim, made, as the Surveyor states, in virtue of an order to that effect; and, therefore, I am of opinion, the claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 15. *Michael Aime* claims in right of inheritance, a tract of land, situate in the parish of Saint Charles, county of German Coast, having sixteen arpens in front, by forty in depth, and being adjacent to and back of another tract of land, fronting on the Mississippi, on which the claimant now resides.

The claimant produces an order of survey granted by Governor Miro. in 1785, to Francis Aime, the grandfather of the claimant, and under whom he claims for said land: the claim, therefore, ought to be confirmed.

No. 16. *Pierre Dolthonde* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. Charles, county of German Coast, on the right bank of the Mississippi, having four arpens, five toises, two feet and eight inches in front, by a depth of one hundred arpens, bounded on the upper side, by lands of Madame Hanson, and on the lower side by the same, as will more fully appear by the plat executed by Mr. Portier, hereto annexed.

The claimant produces, first, a concession from the Spanish Government, dated in 1776, for eleven arpens in front, by forty arpens in depth; and secondly, a concession dated in 1777, for the same front, and sixty additional arpens in the rear, granted to Antoine Thomassin, under whom he claims by purchase; the land claimed, being part of the land originally granted to said A. Thomassin; I am of opinion the claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 17. *Madame Widow Ranson & Son*, claim two tracts of land, one having five arpens, five toises, two feet, eight inches, by a depth of one hundred arpens, and the other having a front of one arpen, and a depth of one hundred arpens, both being part of the original grant, mentioned in the preceding claim, as also appears from a plat of the survey: said land is situated on the right bank of the Mississippi, parish of St. Charles; the first mentioned tract is bounded on the upper side, by lands of Henry Laureaux, and on the lower side by lands of Pierre Dolthonde, the second tract is bounded by the said Pierre Dolthonde on the upper side, and on the lower side by lands of the claimants.

These tracts are claimed by purchase, derived from title of Antoine Thomassin, mentioned in the preceding claim of P. Dolthonde, and therefore, in my opinion ought to be confirmed.

No. 18. *Thaddeus Mayhew* claims a tract of land, situate in the county of Orleans, on the right bank of the Mississippi, having ten arpens, twenty-two toises and three feet front, with a depth of forty arpens, bounded above by lands of Lefebvre, and below by lands of Bartholemy Duverger.

The claimant holds by purchase, derived from Nicholas Chauvier Delery, to whom said land was granted by the Spanish Government, as appears from the survey of the Surveyor General Lareau Trudeau, dated the 4th of March, 1803. I am of opinion his claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 19. *Justus Delabarre Le Beau*, claims a tract of land situate in the parish of St. Charles, on the right bank of the Mississippi, having three arpens and a few feet front and back, and adjoining Jean Mari Doudounne's plantation, and running back to the Sac Des Allemands, bounded on one side, by lands of Madame Habine, and on the other, by lands of the claimant.

The claimant holds by purchase, under the title of Roi Villeré, to whom it was conceded by the French Government, in the year 1765, which the claimant exhibits. Although this claim is not founded on

a Spanish grant, concession, or order of survey, yet according to the spirit of the act of 11th of May, 1820, which I conceive meant to recognize *French* as well as Spanish grants, I am of opinion his claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 20. *Garrigues Flanjac* claims a tract of land, situate in the county of Point Coupé, on the bayou Gros Tete; having forty arpens front on each side of the said bayou, with a depth of forty arpens.

The claimant holds by purchase from Louis Bertin D'Antilly, to whom it was granted by Governor Miro, on the 23d day of August, 1791, as appears from the order of survey. I am, therefore, of opinion that the claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 21. *Silvain Roussell* claims a tracts of land, situate in the Parish of St. John Baptiste, on the right bank of the river Mississippi, having five arpens and a half front, by a depth of sixty arpens; bounded on the upper side by lands of Madame Paul Obert, and on the lower side by lands of Francis Dufresne.

This land is claimed by purchase, founded in an order of survey, executed by the Surveyor General of the province of Louisiana, in the year 1781. I am of opinion the claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 22. *Pierre Terrio, Senior*, claims a tract of land, situate in the Parish of St. Jacques, on the left bank of the Mississippi, having two arpens front by forty arpens in depth, making a superficies of seventy-nine arpens $\frac{65}{100}$, according to the survey of the principal Deputy Surveyor of the United States. Said land is bounded above by lands of Joseph Gaudre, and below by lands of the claimant.

This land is claimed in right of purchase, under a concession made by Governor Unzaga, in the year 1775, to Baptiste Cornier, under whom the claimant derives his title. I am of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 23. *Pierre Terrio, Junior*, claims a tract of land, situate in the Parish of St. Jacques, on the left bank of the Mississippi, having three arpens $22\frac{1}{3}$ feet front by forty arpens in depth, bounded on the upper side by lands of Michel Le Buef, and below by lands of Lewis Nichol.

This land is claimed in right of purchase, and is part of the same grant mentioned in the preceding claim. I am, therefore, of opinion the claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 24. *Bernardo De Deva* claims a tract of land, situate as follows: in the Parish of Lafourche, interior, behind a depth of forty arpens, granted by the king of Spain to Carlos Gaubean Lucia Bruse, and others, fronting the property or lands of one Jaccente Bernard, and lying on a bayou distant about six leagues from the Mississippi, on the right side thereof, being, in the whole, a league square.

The claimant produces a request (petition) to the Baron de Carondelet, in which he states, that he being appointed, by the said Baron, curate for the said Parish of Lafourche, and that having gone there, he found neither church nor house to live in, and the inhabitants so poor as to be unable to support him; under these circum-

stances he asks for a league square of land; which, under date of the 14th of March, 1793, Carondelet granted to him, and ordered the Surveyor to put him in possession. I am, therefore, of opinion his claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 25. *William Deval* claims a tract of land in the Parish of West Baton Rouge, opposite Brown's Islands, and below the lowest bayou in the bend of the Mississippi, and on which he now resides.

The claimant holds in right of purchase, and produces an order of survey, granted by the Baron Carondelet, in the year 1794, and the certificate of location, by V. Pintardo, the Spanish Surveyor: he also produces possession and cultivation. I am, therefore, of opinion his claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 26. *John Louis Wagespack* claims a tract of land, situate in the Parish of St. Jacques, right bank of the Mississippi, having eight arpens, and eight toises, and three feet in front, by forty arpens in depth, bounded above by Jacquez Troxner, and below by Nicholas Troxner.

The claimant purchased this land, under a survey made by the Surveyor General of the province of Louisiana, in the year 1781, who certified that he made it by an order of Governor Galvez: therefore, in my opinion, the claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 27. *The Trustees of St. Charles' Church* claim a tract of land, situate in the Parish of St. Charles, on the left bank of the Mississippi, having ten arpens in front and eighty arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of John C. Arnaud, and below by lands of John Noel Destrehan.

It appears, the first depth of forty arpens was granted, by the Spanish Government, in the year 1770, and the second depth, of forty additional arpens in depth, was granted, by said Government, on the 22d day of December, 1787. I am of opinion the claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 28. *Achille & Laurent Segur* claim a tract of land, situate in the county of Iberville, on the right bank of the Mississippi; having thirteen arpens front, with a depth of forty arpens: originally granted, by the Spanish Government, to Anselme Blanchard. And at the end of forty arpens, the claimant claims six arpens front, by forty additional arpens; granted, by Governor Guyoso, on the 10th of December, 1798.

This claim makes part of a large tract, granted as aforesaid, and has descended to the claimants by purchase and succession. I am (of) opinion it ought to be confirmed.

No. 29. *The widow Guerbois* claims a tract of land, situate in the county of Orleans, district of Barrataria, on the bayou Ouachas; having ten arpens front by eighty arpens, more or less, in depth, bounded above by lands of — Dumford, and below by lands of Marigny Dautrive, and in the rear by lands of P. Foucher.

This land is claimed by purchase, under a French concession, made, as is proved, in the year 1740. I am of opinion the claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 30. *Pierre Foucher* claims a tract of land, situate in the county of Orleans, about two leagues above the city of New Orleans, left bank of the Mississippi; having seventeen and a half arpens, more or less, front, by a depth of eighty arpens, bounded above by lands of Batholemy Macarty, and below by lands lately belonging to Etienne Boré, now the property of Gayairey, and her nephew, Le Breton.

This land is claimed in right of purchase, by mesne conveyances, from the estate of James Herbert Bellair, and was inventoried on the 10th day of August, 1767, by authority of the French Government, and sold by the same authority. I am, therefore, of opinion the claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 31. *Pierre Foucher* claims a tract of land, situate in the county of Orleans, on the west side of the bayou des Familles, district of Barrataria; having twenty-nine arpens and thirteen and a half toises front, more or less, with a depth of forty arpens.

This land is held in right of purchase, under a concession made by the Spanish Government on the 11th day of May, 1797, to Charles John Baptiste Fleuri, for the quantity of forty arpens front, on both sides of the said bayou, of which this claim is a part. I am of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 32. *Pierre Foucher* claims a tract of land, situate in the county of Orleans, district of Barrataria, on the bayou des Familles, having seven arpens front, on each side of Bayou, and forty arpens in depth, on each side, bounded on one side by lands of Dominique Bouligny and Pierre St. Poe, and on the other side by lands of Madame Guebois and Marigny Dautrive.

This land is claimed by purchase, under a concession made by the Spanish Government on the 2d April, 1800, to Pablo Suares Ruis; I am of opinion the claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 33. *Robert Martin* claims a tract of land, situate on the bayou Bœuf, in the county of Lafourche, having a front of forty arpens on said bayou, with a depth of forty arpens, bounded above by land of Pilboro, and below by vacant land.

This land is claimed by purchase under Francois Flores, in whose favor an order of survey was made by Governor Galvez on the 7th of August, 1777. I am of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 34. *Robert Martin* claims a tract of land, situate on the bayou Blake, in the county of Lafourche, having a front of fifty arpens on both sides of said bayou, with a depth of forty arpens.

This land is claimed, by purchase, under Miguel Saturnino, in whose favor an order of survey was made by Governor Guyoso on the 2d November, 1798. I am of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 35. *Robert Martin* claims a tract of land, situated on the bayou Bœuff, in the county of Lafourche, having a front of forty arpens on both sides of said bayou, with a depth of forty arpens, bounded above by lands of Mentaran, and below by lands of Domain.

This land is claimed, by right of purchase, under Antoine Pilboro,

in whose favor an order of survey was made by Governor Galvez on the 2d day of July, 1776. I am of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 36. *Robert Martin* claims a tract of land, situated in the interior of Lafourche, on the bayou Bœuff, having a front of thirty arpens on both sides of said bayou, with the ordinary depth of forty arpens, bounded above and below by public lands.

This land is claimed by right of purchase, under Jacques Montaran, in whose favor an order of survey was made by Governor Galvez, on the 5th of May, 1775. I am of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No 37. *William Wilson* claims a tract of land, situated on both sides of the Bayou Blake, having a front of forty arpens on both sides of said Bayou, with a depth of forty arpens, bounded on one side by lands of Miguel Saturnine, and on the other by vacant land.

This land is claimed by purchase, under John Slano, in whose favor an order of survey was made by Governor Guyoso, on the 8th of August, 1798. I am of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 38. *François Saulet* claims a tract of land situate in the Parish of St. Charles, county of German Coast, on the left bank of the Mississippi, having sixteen arpens front, by a depth extending to Lake Ponchartrain. Fourteen arpens of said land is included in the plan annexed, within blue lines, and the other two arpens are situated below, and divided from the said fourteen arpens by the claim of Margaret Girardin, of one and a quarter arpens, bounded formerly by — Blanchard, and now by lands of Delhommer.

This land is claimed by purchase. The surveyor, Mr. Portier, certifies, that the plat, accompanying this claim, is conformable to the plat made by the Surveyor General of the province of Louisiana, on the 22d day of June, 1781. The claimant produces a deed of sale for part of this land, made in the year 1794, and the depositions of two witnesses, stating that a tract of twenty-one arpens front, (of which this is a part) was granted by the Spanish Governor Ouzaga, to the widow Grondel, and that this claim or grant extends to the Lake. I am of opinion the claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 39. *Francis Joseph Delhommer* claims a tract of land, situate in the Parish of St. Charles, county of German Coast, on the left bank of the Mississippi, having three arpens front, and running back forty arpens, and then two arpens front, extending to Lake Ponchartrain, bounded above by lands of Francois Saulet, and below by lands of the claimant.

This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant produces a Spanish sale, made and passed before Jacques Massicot, then commandant of the Parish, and dated 15th May, 1784; he also produces several affidavits, stating that the land was granted by the Spanish Government upwards of forty years ago. I am, therefore, of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 40. *John Baptiste Vickner, Nicholas Vickner, Louis Le Bon, and Andre Madere*, heirs of *Balthazer Vickner*, claim a tract of land situate

in the county of German Coast, containing five arpens front, on the left bank of the Mississippi, with a depth of forty arpens, bounded above by lands of John B. Vickner, as the plat annexed shews. This land was granted by the Spanish Government to Baltazar Vickner, on the 23d April, 1776, from whom it has descended to the present claimants. I am of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 41. *Edmund Druet and John Baptiste Druet* claim a tract of land situate in the county of Orleans, right bank of the Mississippi, having three arpens and eleven feet front, by a depth of forty arpens, bounded above by lands of Joseph Foursier, and below by lands of Torè Gano.

This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimants produce a survey made by the Surveyor General, by authority, in the year 1793, of which this claim is the half. I am of opinion the claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 42. *Widow of Joseph Faussier* claims a tract of land, situated in the county of Orleans, right bank of the Mississippi, containing three arpens and eleven feet front, by a depth of forty arpens, bounded above by lands of widow Jean Mendez, and below by lands of Edmund and J. B. Drouet.

This claim is founded on purchase, and is derived from the same title as the preceding one, being half of the original survey. I am, consequently, of opinion, it ought to be confirmed.

No. 43. *Samuel Alfred Taylor* claims a tract of land situated in the former district of Galveztown, he thinks now in the Parish of Iberville, containing three hundred superficial arpens, bounded on one side by lands of Baptiste Abair, and on the other by vacant lands.

This land is claimed by purchase, under a grant by the Baron Carondelet, bearing date 10th February, 1795, to Daniel McConnell, under whom the claimant holds. I am of opinion the claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 44. *John Louis Druet*, claims a tract of land situate in the county of Orleans, on the right bank of the Mississippi, containing four arpens front, by forty arpens in depth, bound as per plat annexed.

This land is claimed by purchase, under a survey made by authority, by the Surveyor General of the Province of Louisiana, dated in the year 1802. The claimant also proves possession in himself, and those under whom he claims, upwards of forty years. I am, therefore, of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 45. The heirs of *Antoine Bernard Dautrive* claim a tract of land situated in the Parish of Orleans, district of Barrataria, containing about fifty arpens front, on the river Ouaches, extending back to the land formerly of Madame Pablo, now of Pierre Foucher, bounded above by lands of the widow Guerbois, and below, by the Bayou Dauphine.

This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimants prove that this land was granted by the French Government, and the witnesses testify that they have seen the concession for it. I am opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 46. *Francois Marpronne* claims a tract of land situate in the Parish of Orleans, on the right bank of the Mississippi, containing, 1st, five arpens eight toises front, and eighty arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of Joseph Dauphin, and below by land of the claimant; 2d, six arpens front, and one hundred arpens in depth, bounded above and below by lands of the claimants; 3d, one arpen and an half front, and one hundred arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of the claimant, and below by lands of Dominique Bouligny.

This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant produces orders of survey, and surveys executed for this land in favor of those under whom he claims, duly executed by the Spanish Government. I am, therefore, of opinion, this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 47. *Joseph Marie Bourguignon* claims two tracts of land situate in the Parish of St. John Baptiste, on the left bank of the Mississippi, one containing one arpen front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded above by land of widow Michel Lesch, and below by claimant; the other tract contains three quarters of an arpen front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded above by the first tract, and below by lands of Noel Destreham.

This land is claimed in right of purchase, and is part of a tract of four arpens front, granted by the Spanish Government, and recorded in the claims of Adam and widow Michel Lesch, among these reports. I am, therefore, of opinion, this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 48. *Francois Mayronne* claims a tract of land situated in the district of Barrataria, being an island containing two leagues front.

This land is claimed in right of purchase, under a complete Spanish grant, made 1st March, 1794. I am, therefore, of opinion, the claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 49. *Adam Lesch* and *Widow Michel Lesch* claim a tract of land situate in the Parish of St. John Baptiste, on the left bank of the Mississippi, containing two arpens in front, by forty arpens in depth, bounded above by one arpen front of Labranche Brothers, and below by one other arpen front of Joseph Bourguignon.

This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant produces an order of survey executed by the Surveyor General of the Province of Louisiana, in the year 1785, for four arpens front, of which this is a part, and held under that title. I am, therefore, of opinion, this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 50. *Eugene Macarty* claims a tract of land situated in the Parish of St. Bernard, on the left bank of the Mississippi, containing three arpens front, crossing the Bayou Bœuff, running south on the lower line of the land of Pierre Marigny, now owned by Jourdin Freres, bounded above by the said Jourdin, and below, to lands granted to the Islanders.

This land is claimed by purchase, and is part of a tract of land formerly confirmed by the late Board of Commissioners in favor of Louis Declouet, the whole founded on a survey made by the Surveyor General of the Province of Louisiana, in the year 1799. I am, therefore, of opinion, the claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 51. *Catharine Rodrigues, Widow of Joseph Gonzales*, claims a tract of land situated in the Parish of Ascension, six miles from the Mississippi, on the right bank of the Bayou Lafourche, containing five arpens, seven toises, and three feet front, and forty arpens in depth, and bounded above by lands of Baptiste Landry.

This land is claimed by purchase founded on an order of survey, and survey made during the Spanish Government of Louisiana. I am, therefore, of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 52. *John Baptiste Labranche, Hermogene Labranche*, and *Similien Labranche*, claim a tract of land situated in the Parish of St. John Baptiste, bounded above by land of Widow Deslond, and below (by) land of Widow Joseph Schrantz, containing twelve arpens twenty-two toises front, on the left bank of the Mississippi, and forty arpens in depth; also a tract of land containing one arpen in front and forty in the depth, between the land of the said Widow Schrantz, and that of Adam Lesch.

This land is claimed by purchase founded on surveys made by the Surveyor General of the Province of Louisiana, one in the year 1786 now produced, and the other made in 1785, now in the possession of the said Adam Lesch. I am, therefore, of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 53. *Pierre St. Armand* claims a tract of land situated in the island of Grand Isle, district of Barrataria, county of Orleans, containing three hundred and fifty-seven acres and three hundredths, bounded west and north by the bay of Cormenda and Marshy lands, east by the Gulf of Mexico, and south by lands claimed by François Anfrai or Normond.

This land is claimed by purchase, founded on an order of survey by Governor Galvez, on the 2d of July, 1781. I am, therefore, of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 54. *Widow Jacques de Villiers* claims a tract of land situated and (on) the island of Plaquemine, in the parish of Iberville, right bank of the Mississippi, bounded above by the bayou Jacob, and below by bayou Plaquemine, containing about seven arpens front, and a depth of forty arpens, running back to the lands of Antoine Rodrigues, now Cadet Jacob.

This land is claimed by deed of gift, and is part of a tract founded on a concession of the Spanish Government in the year 1772, already registered in book B, page 184, and confirmed. I am, therefore, of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 55. *John Baptiste Drousin Labranche* and *Lucien Labranche* claim a tract of land situated in the parish of Orleans (Chapitoulas) being a second depth back of land belonging to Alphonse Faussien, containing a front of ten arpens and three feet on the right bank of Mississippi.

This land is claimed in right of purchase at auction, by the Register of Wills. The Surveyor General of Louisiana executed the plat of said land, and certified that said land extended to lake Verret, and contained four and thirty-six superficial arpens. I am, therefore, of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 56. *François Mayronne* claims a tract of land situate in the county of Orleans, district of Barrataria, bounded on the north by vacant land and by lands of claimant, east by lands of D. Bouligny, south by land of Martha Dauphine, now Manuel Rousseau, and west by vacant land, containing a front of six arpens, and forty arpens in depth.

This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant produces a concession made by the Spanish Government on the 8th of August, 1796, to Joseph Montegut, under whom the claimant holds. I am of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 57. *Henry Fonteneau* claims a tract of land situated in the parish of St. John Baptiste, bounded on the upper side by lands of Mr. Fortin, and below by lands of Gabriel Cloutier, containing eight arpens four toises three feet front, on the second depth, extending to lake Maurapas.

This land is claimed by purchase. It is proved that this land was part of a village of the Eolapesas Indians, and by them sold with the consent of Governor Bienville, in 1735; afterwards surveyed by the Surveyor General of the province of Louisiana in the year 1790, and deeds of sale shew that this land has been possessed and cultivated by the claimant since the year 1784. I am, therefore, of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 58. *The Widow Joseph Schrantz* claims a tract of land situated in the parish of St. John Baptiste bounded above and below by lands of Labranche Brothers, containing three arpens in front on the left bank of the Mississippi, and forty arpens in depth.

This land is claimed in virtue of a survey made by authority of the Spanish Government in the year 1785. I am of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 59. *John Alexis Le Blanc* claims a tract of land situated in the parish of Iberville, containing about four arpens front and forty arpens in depth, bounded below by land recorded in the name of Joseph Rabin, and above by lands held by John Baptiste Allain.

It appears that two arpens front of said land is derived from Armand Richard, who obtained a complete title from the Spanish Government for thirteen arpens ten toises front, of which this is a part: the two other arpens front are derived from Joseph Richard, who obtained a complete Spanish grant for six arpens front, of which this is also a part. I am, therefore, of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 60. *John Baptiste Allain* claims a tract of land situated in the parish of Iberville, containing five arpens, bounded above by lands claimed by J. Alexis Le Blanc and below by land of Isaac Le Blanc.

Four arpens of this land is derived from a complete grant in favor of Joseph Richard, and one arpen from a complete Spanish grant in favor of Bonaventiera Le Blanc, on record in this office, in book No. 1, folio 244, for nine arpens and twelve toises front, of which this is a part. I am, therefore, of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 61. *Etienne Tusson* and *Victoire Le Blanc* his wife, claim a tract of land situated in the parish of Iberville, bounded above by

lands of Simon Broussard, and below by lands of Pierre Hebert, containing about five arpens and an half front, and forty arpens in depth.

It appears that this claim is part of a tract granted to Susan Baptiste Allain on the 5th of February, 1775, by a complete grant or concession on record in this office, lib. 1, fol. 323. I am, therefore, of opinion, this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 62. *Valarie Hebert, Jacques Melanson* his wife, together with *Paul Hebert*, severally claim a tract of land under a complete Spanish grant in favor of Pablo Hebert, from whom their title is derived, to wit: Valarie Hebert claims five arpens and four toises front and forty arpens in depth, bounded below by lands granted to Pedro Hebert and entered in the name of Armand Hebert, and above by lands of said Melanson and wife.

The said Jacques Melanson and his wife, Maria Christine Landry, claim three toises, three arpens front and forty arpens in depth, bounded below by said Valrie Hebert and above by Paul Hebert.

Paul Hebert claims two arpens front by forty arpens in depth, bounded below by said S. Melanson and above by Mathurin Landry.

The whole tract, according to the original grant and survey, contains ten arpens and seven toises front and forty arpens in depth. I am of opinion these claims ought to be confirmed.

No. 63. *Gervaise Arnault* claims a tract of land situated in the county of Orleans, left bank of Mississippi, containing eighteen arpens front and forty arpens in depth, bounded on the upper side by lands of Ioniac, and below by lands of Norbel Fortier.

This land is claimed by purchase from persons who produce a sale made for said land in the year 1781, by authority of the Spanish Government. I am of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 64. *Civille Arnault*, claims a tract of land situated in the county of Orleans, right bank of the Mississippi, containing seventeen arpens, twenty toises and eleven inches front, and eighty arpens in depth, bounded on the upper side by lands of Honoré Aieux and below by lands of Lorenzo Mesie.

It appears the first forty arpens in depth is claimed by purchase during the Spanish Government of Louisiana; that ten arpens front of the second depth was granted by Governor Guyoso, on the 9th August, 1797; and the remaining part appears to have been possessed and cultivated during the Spanish government. I am, therefore, of opinion that this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 65. *Louis Cossier* claims, for the use of Robert Martin, a tract of land situated in the parish of La Fourche Interior, fronting on the Bayou Cattou, and containing forty arpens front on each side of said bayou, and forty arpens in depth, bounded, in the year 1788, above and below, by vacant land.

This land is claimed by purchase, under an order of survey made by Governor Miro, in the year 1788. I am of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 66. *Louis Duma*, for the use of Robert Martin, claims a tract of land, situated in the parish of La Fourche Interior, containing fifty arpens front on each side of the Bayou Cattou, and forty arpens in depth, bounded, in the year 1798, above, by vacant lands, and below, by lands of Cossier.

This land is claimed by purchase, under an order of survey made by Governor Guyoso, on the 7th of March, 1798. I am of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 67. *Jaques Lambez*, for the use of Robert Martin, claims a tract of land, situated in the parish of Lafourche Interior, containing a front of thirty arpens on each side of Bayou Cattou, and forty in depth, bounded, in the year 1789, by Cossier above, and below by vacant land.

This land is claimed by purchase, under an order of survey made by Governor Miro; in the year 1789. I am of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 68. Widow *Jaques Fortier* claims a tract of land, situated in the parish of Orleans, containing twenty-seven arpens and a half front, with all the depth to be found, lying on the left side of the Mississippi, bounded above by land of J. Holiday, and below, by land of Pierre Sauv , as more fully appears by the plat annexed.

This claim is founded on a survey executed by the surveyor-General of the province of Louisiana, purporting to have been made by authority of the Spanish Government. I am of opinion the claim ought to be confirmed.

69. *Hellen Ross M. Masters*, by Samuel M. Masters, claims a tract of land, situated in the parish of St. James, left bank of the Mississippi, containing thirteen arpens and twenty-nine toises front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of Mr. Boucr , and below, by lands of Mr. Browne.

This land is claimed by purchase. The claimant produces an order of survey, made by the Surveyor General of the province of Louisiana, by authority, dated in the year 1782, for a front of five arpens and fifteen toises: the balance of the claim being composed of small, probably, subdivisions of a larger tract, the original titles cannot be traced; but the claimant proves quiet possession upwards of thirty years. I am of opinion the claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 70. *Barthelemy Jourdin*, *Pierre Jourdin*, and *Manuel Hod*, claim a tract of land situated in the parish of Orleans, on the right bank of the Mississippi; bounded, above, by lands of Dr. Flood, and below by lands of Bernardy and Planchard, containing twenty-five arpens and seventeen toises front, and seventy arpens in depth.

This land is claimed by purchase. It appears that the upper part of this land is derived from the widow Loubise, and the lower part Raquet, who was owner of the lands adjacent and back of the first concession, since the land of Mr. Pos , now Dr. Flood's, (whose land has a depth of eighty arpens) to the land of Mr. Browne, now Bernardy and Planchard. A deed of sale, dated 26th April, 1786, states, that said Raquet had a second depth of seventy arpens, by a commis-

sion granted to him by the West Company. in the year 1725, on the 20th February. Said deed also states, that said Raquet, in the year 1786, made an exchange of three arpens front on the river, and forty arpens in depth, for five arpens front, with a depth of thirty arpens, back of the first depth of said Widow Soubre, and which is also shewn by the plat of survey of the Surveyor General, Laveau Trudeau. The claimants also prove that the whole of this land was established and cultivated upwards of forty years. I am, therefore, of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 71. *John Baptiste Marchand* and *Celestin Vickner* claim a tract of land, situated in the parish of St. John Baptiste, left bank of Mississippi, containing four arpens front, and forty arpens in depth; bounded, above, by lands of John Baptiste Bandry, and below by lands of Adam Jacob.

This land is claimed by purchase, under a grant made to Jean Albert le Naitre, on the 23d April, 1776. I am of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 72. *Christopher Adams* claims a tract of land situated about five leagues below the mouth of the Bayou Plaquemine, right side of the Mississippi; beginning at the distance of eighty arpens from said river, being a Cypress swamp, and containing one leaguesquare.

This land is claimed by purchase, under a grant made by Governor Miro, dated 29th January, 1790. I am of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 73. *Jacques François Enoul Liraudais* claims a tract of land, situated in the county and parish of Orleans, near the city, containing thirteen arpens front, to wit: eleven arpens front have a depth of eighty arpens, and the remaining two arpens have a depth of forty arpens; bounded, above, by lands of the nuns, and below by the Fauxbourg la Course.

The claimant holds in right of inheritance, founded on an original French concession. I am, therefore, of opinion his claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 74. *Jaques François Enoul Liraudais* claims a tract of land situated in the parish and county of Orleans, on the left bank of the Mississippi, near the city of New Orleans, containing nineteen and three-quarters arpens front, and eighty arpens in depth.

This land is held partly in right of inheritance, and partly in right of purchase; the whole founded on an original French concession. I am, therefore, of opinion the claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 75. *Sosthene Roman* and *Antoine Marigny Dauterieve*, acting as syndics of the creditors of Jean Baptiste Degruys, claim a tract of land situated in the county of Orleans, district of Barrataria, being an island, containing about two leagues long and a league wide, bounded on one side by the lake Barrataria, and on the other side by the Bayou St. Dennis.

This land is claimed in virtue of an order of survey, made by the Spanish Governor Manuel Guyoso de Lemos, on the 24th April, 1798. I am, therefore, of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 76. *Sosthene Roman* and *Antoine Marigny Dauterieve*, syndics of the creditors of Jean Baptiste Degruys, claim a tract of land situated in the county of Orleans, district of Barrataria, being a depth of eighty arpens, adjacent to, and back of the lands of François Bouligny, (now Antoine Foucher, who also owns eighty arpens in depth,) and back of the property of Jaques Porte and Piguery, now Deston Destrehan Henderson, Barlt Hazard, Saulet and J. V. Degruys. Said depth of eighty arpens is situated on both sides of the Bayou Ouchas.

This land is claimed in virtue of an order of survey, granted by Estenan Miro, late Governor of the Province of Louisiana, on the 12th August, 1789. I am of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 77. *Sosthene Roman* and *Antoine Marigny Dauterieve*, acting as syndics of the creditors of Jean Baptiste Degruys, claim a tract of land situated in the parish of Orleans, district of Barrataria, containing one hundred and sixty arpens front, on the right bank of the Bayou Barrataria, two leagues distant from the property of Porte and Destrehan, Henderson, &c., whose lands are fronting on the right bank of the Mississippi.

This claim is founded on an order of survey made by Governor Miro 12th August, 1789. I am of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 78. *Simon Babin*, and the widow, *Paul Babin*, claim a tract of land situated in the parish of Iberville, on the left bank of the Mississippi, containing five arpens and twenty-three toises front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of Narcisse le Blanc, and below by lands of Charles De Armas.

This land is claimed by purchase founded on a concession and survey made pursuant thereto, in the year 1772. I am of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 79. *James Williams* claims a tract of land situated in the parish of Plaquemine, left bank of the Mississippi, containing fifty-four arpens front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded on the upper side by lands of Delornelle, and below by lands of Jean Vinet.

This land is claimed by purchase founded on a process verbal of survey, executed by Don Andry, a Spanish surveyor, dated 28th November, 1774, for forty-nine arpens front of said land: and the claimant proves possession and cultivation by himself, and by those under whom he claims, ever since the aforesaid period. I am, therefore, of opinion, this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 80. *Widow Thomas Alexander* claims a tract of land situated in the parish of Lafourche, right bank of the Bayou Lafourche, containing seven arpens and thirteen toises front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded as described in the plat of survey annexed.

This land is claimed by purchase founded on a survey made by the Surveyor General of the province of Louisiana, by authority, in the year 1802. I am of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 81. *John Teirot* claims a tract of land for himself and others,

situated in the parish of Ascension, on the left bank of the Mississippi, containing five arpens and twenty-four toises front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of Joseph Richard, and below by lands of Dr. Prevost.

This land is claimed by purchase founded on a grant made by the Spanish government, in the year 1774. I am of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 82. *Dr. Prevost* claims for himself and others, a tract of land situated in the parish of Ascension, on the left bank of the river Mississippi, containing five arpens, twenty toises and three feet front, bounded above by lands of John Tuerot, and below by lands of

This land is claimed by purchase founded on a grant made by the Spanish government, in the year 1774. I am of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

Dominique Bouligney claims a tract of land situated in the county of Orleans, right bank of the Mississippi, district of Barrataria, containing about two hundred superficial acres, bounded east by lands of Antoine and Tenon Foucher, and north and south by lands of the claimant.

This land is claimed by purchase founded on a concession made by the Spanish government, as appears from the book of concessions in my office. I am, therefore, of opinion, this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 83. *John Joseph Jourdan* claims a tract of land situated in the parish of Orleans, district of Barrataria, containing twenty arpens on each side of the bayou called Barrataria, and forty arpens in depth, bounded, on three sides, by lands of Thomas Dunford.

This land was granted by the Spanish Government, on the 20th March, 1794, to John Normond, and by him sold to the claimant, on the 9th September, 1800, in whose possession it has been since that period. I am of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 84. *John Tregle* claims a tract of land situated in the parish of St. John Baptiste, on the east side of the river Mississippi, containing seven arpens and thirty-four feet front, and eighty arpens in depth, bounded above by the lands of Theodore Tregle, and below by lands of Mathias Ory.

This land claimant holds by inheritance from his father, and is part of a larger tract sold by the claimant to his brothers, who have had their claim duly confirmed by the late Board of Commissioners; the whole being founded on a grant made by Governor Galvez, then Governor of the province of Louisiana. I am of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 85. *Ursin Perret* claims a tract of land situated in the parish of St. John Baptiste, right bank of the Mississippi, containing seventeen arpens front, and eighty arpens in depth.

This land is claimed by purchase, under a complete Spanish grant, made in the year 1776. I am, therefore, of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 86. *Louis Mollere* claims a tract of land situated in the parish of West Baton Rouge, west side of the Mississippi, containing fifteen arpens in front, and forty arpens in depth.

The claimant produces the order of survey of this land, made by Vincent Pintado, a Spanish surveyor, in the year 1800. Claimant also proves, by a certified copy of this land of the Surveyor General of the province of Louisiana, that the first survey was made by order of the Commandant Grand Pré, in pursuance of instructions to that effect from Governor Guyoso, bearing date 23d January, 1799. I am, therefore, of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 87. *James Godberry* claims a tract of land situate in the parish of St. James, containing four arpens and eighteen toises front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded, on the upper side, by lands of widow André Bernard, and on the lower side by lands of George Roussel.

This land is claimed by purchase, and it is expressly stated, on oath, by two respectable witnesses, that this land was originally granted by the Spanish Government, and surveyed by the same authority; and that it has been peaceably possessed and cultivated by the claimant, and those under whom he holds, during the last thirty years. I am, therefore, of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 88. *Espirite Liston* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of West Baton Rouge, right bank of the Mississippi, containing twenty arpens front, and forty arpens deep, lying and being at a distance of thirty arpens below a grant made to claimant, and afterwards annulled on 29th August, 1792.

The Spanish Government on the 29th day of August, 1792, granted to claimant another tract of land, which was afterwards annulled at the instance of the claimant, and in lieu thereof, this land was granted to him on the 27th October, 1792, as appears from the book of the Spanish grants in my office. I am therefore of opinion, this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 89. *Alexander Boudin*, Attorney in fact of the heirs of the late Patrick Conway, claims a tract of land, situate in the district of Point Coupé, containing ten arpens front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded on one side by vacant lands, and on the other side by lands of William Conway.

This land is claimed in virtue of a complete Spanish grant, in favor of said Patrick Conway, dated 1st December, 1786, as appears from the books in my office. I am therefore of opinion, this claim ought to be confirmed.

SAML. H. HARPER.

New Orleans, 6th January, 1821.

Register.

CLASS SECOND.

Including claims to land under the 4th section of the act of Congress, passed the 11th day of May, 1820, which have been regularly filed in the proper office, but which have not been confirmed.

No. 90. *Samuel Perry* claims a tract of land, situate in the county of Point Coupé, below the place commonly known by the name of Point Racoucé on the west side of the river Mississippi, containing sixty-one chains and fifty links in front, and one hundred and four chains in depth, forming a superficies of ten hundred and forty acres, and bounded on the upper side by lands of John McLanahan and on the lower, by lands of Charles Morgan.

This land was claimed before the former Board of Commissioners for this district, who confirmed the claim to the depth of forty arpens, but rejected the balance. Their reasons for so doing as stated by the Board were, that the land claimed, is situated at the neck of a large bend of the river, and that by granting to the claimant the ordinary depth of forty arpens, his claim would extend to the opposite neck, thereby giving him two fronts, which they contended was contrary to the principle of granting lands by the Spanish Government.

My construction adopted by the Spanish Government, in relation to the refusal to grant two fronts to the same individual, is this; that where two persons were interested in the same piece of land, it was not permitted that one should stretch across from one point to the other, to the injury of the other, but that the land should be so divided as that each might have a front upon the river, as if in this case the land was so situated as to give two fronts; but where the grant was made to *one* person, and not for a greater quantity than was usually given, as in this case, and where it is indispensibly necessary that levees should be made at both points of the river, so as to render the land valuable to all, by keeping the water from overflowing, I think the Spanish Government under those circumstances, would not have hesitated to have given the claimant the whole of his claim; according to these premises, and the claimant having shewn in addition to his other proof, that no other individual pretends to have any claim to the land in question, I am of opinion, he ought to be confirmed to the whole extent of his claim.

No. 91. *Francis Debois* claim a tract of land, situate on the bayou Moreau, in the county of Point Coupé, having twenty arpens in front, on the Mississippi, with a depth of forty arpens, and bounded on the upper side by lands formerly of Francis Durcey, now of Samuel Davenport, as more fully appears by the plat of survey, exhibited to be recorded.

This land is claimed in virtue of a Spanish order of survey, and the survey duly executed by the Surveyor General of the province.

This claim was rejected by the late Board of Commissioners, on the ground, that it did not appear to them that it was inhabited and cultivated on the 1st day of October, 1800. The claimant did then what he has done now, produced the order of survey, and the plat duly executed; and I am of opinion, that in virtue of the 1st and 2d sections of an act of Congress, passed subsequently to the decision of the board, to wit: "An act, entitled an act for the final adjustment of land titles, in the state of Louisiana, and territory of Mis-

souri," dated 12th April, 1814, the claimant ought to be confirmed in his claim.

No. 92. *Louise Fortier Habisse* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. Charles, on the right bank of the Mississippi, and being a double concession behind the front on which the claimant resides, having a front of thirty-two arpens on the same river, and running back eighty arpens, as appears from the plan exhibited.

The half, or front of this tract of land, has already been confirmed by the late Board of Commissioners; but the other half, or rear, was not confirmed, for want of evidence.

The claimant now produces written evidence, that ten arpens front of the present claim, was granted to Roi Villeré, by the French Government, in the year 1765, under whom the claimant holds by purchase, and the remaining twenty-two arpens front, with the depth aforesaid, was granted to the husband of the claimant, by the Spanish Government, in the year 1797.

I am, therefore, of opinion, her claim to the double, or second concession, ought to be confirmed.

No. 93. *Peter Troxclair* claims a tract of land situate in the parish of St. Charles, county of German Coast, on the right bank of the Mississippi, having four arpens front, with a depth of forty arpens, bounded on the upper side by lands of Charles Rixner. and below by lands of Francis Troxclair.

This land makes part of another tract, and is included in the same survey which has been already confirmed to Francis Troxclair on the report of the Register and Receiver of public moneys for this district, and the same evidence adduced in that case equally applies to this, to wit: the permission of the proper Spanish officer to settle the land; but, by mistake, a report on this claim was omitted. Under these circumstances, I am of opinion it ought to be confirmed.

No. 94. *Antoine de Ciur* claims a tract of land situate in the county of Point Coupé, on the Chenelle, having forty arpens front by forty in depth, bounded on the upper side by lands of Joseph de Ciur, and below by lands of

This land was claimed before the late Board of Commissioners, and one half, viz. 800 superficial arpens, confirmed. The reason why they did not confirm the balance, I presume, arose from mistake: the agent of the claimant filed the notice of claim only for what is already confirmed; but the whole of the land claimed rests upon an order of survey issued by the Spanish Government, dated 12th July, 1788, and duly executed by the Surveyor General of the province of Louisiana, dated 18th February, 1790, and since resurveyed by the Deputy Surveyor of the United States. The claimant, moreover, proves possession and cultivation from the year 1790 to this time; and also, that no other lands have been given him by the Spanish government; also, that the claimant has made the public road and levee thereon. I am therefore of opinion his claim ought to be confirmed to the whole extent.

No. 95. *The Heirs of M. Mahier* claim a tract of land situate in the county of Iberville, west side of the Mississippi, having twenty arpens in front by forty arpens in depth.

This claim was acted upon by the Register and Receiver of this district, (No. 456 of their reports, dated 20th November, 1816,) and only nine and a half arpens front was confirmed, supposing the balance had been confirmed by the late Board of Commissioners; but, upon further examination, I find we were mistaken in the land. The confirmation of the Board, for ten and a half arpens, related to a different tract. As the title was good, under the law upon which we acted, for nine and a half arpens which is now confirmed, it is equally good for the balance of the claim.

I am, therefore, of opinion the claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 96. *Thomas Hebert* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of Iberville, west side of the Mississippi, containing one hundred and fifty superficial acres, and bounded in front by lands of the claimant, and above by lands of *Olivier Armandez*, and below by lands of *Pierre Devet*.

This claim was rejected by the late Board of Commissioners, for want of sufficient evidence. The claimant now proves, that he had quiet and uninterrupted possession thereof, more than ten consecutive years prior to the 20th of December, 1803. If this evidence had been given to the Board, I think they would have confirmed the claim; and, as the title would have been good under the then existing law. I am of opinion the claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 97. The widow and heirs of *Diego Armandez*, claim a tract of land situate in the parish of Iberville, above the Bayou Plaquemine, right bank of the Mississippi, having ten arpens in front, by forty arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of ——— and below by lands claimed by *Armand Hebert*.

This claim was rejected by the late Board of Commissioners, for want of testimony. The evidence now produced, proves, that this land was granted by the Spanish government, in the year 1787, to *Pedro Hebert*, who afterwards abandoned said land, and neglected to keep up the road and levee. That on the 10th of August, 1792, the *Baron Carondelet* ordered the commandant of the parish of Iberville, to give the lands on which the levees were not made, or were abandoned to such persons as would make them. That this tract being one of that description, pursuant to that order, the husband and father of the claimants was put in possession; who, and whose heirs, have ever since continued to reside thereon, and made the roads, levees, &c. I am, therefore, of opinion the claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 98. *Antoine Leonard* and his wife (the widow of the late *Bernard Dautrive*) and tutor of her minor children, claim for the succession of said *Dautrive*, and those who hold under him, a tract of land in the parish of Iberville, containing six arpens front, and forty arpens in depth; bounded by *Thomas Hebert* and *Gregoire Melanson*, and is part of a larger tract originally granted to *Althonasio Landry*.

This claim was rejected by the late Board of Commissioners, for want of testimony. The claimants now prove, that this land was

granted by the Spanish government; and that it was in possession and cultivation by them, and by those under whom they claim, more than ten consecutive years prior to the 20th December, 1803. I am therefore of opinion, the claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 99. *Xavier Robecheaux* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of Iberville, on bayou Plaquemine, right bank, having ten arpens front, by forty arpens in depth.

The claimant produces an order of survey from the Spanish Government, dated 18th December, 1794; but the late Board of Commissioners rejected this claim, merely because it was not proven to have been inhabited and cultivated, on the 20th December, 1803. The claim, however, I think, stands confirmed, or ought to be, in virtue of the 2d section of the act of Congress of 12th April, 1814, entitled "An act for the final adjustment of land titles in the state of Louisiana, and territory of Missouri."

No. 100. The widow and heirs of *Joseph Mollere*, for the use of F. P. Michel, claim a tract of land, situate in the parish of West Baton Rouge, containing eight hundred superficial arpens.

This land was claimed before the late Board of Commissioners, on the ground of its being held in virtue of a Spanish order of survey, which was produced; but they rejected the claim, alleging, that possession was not shewn on the 1st October, 1800. The claim, however is, and ought to be confirmed, in virtue of the 2d section of the act of 12th April, 1814, cited in the preceding claim.

No. 101. *Lewis Reaubeau* claims a tract of land, situate in the county of Orleans, west side of the Mississippi, nearly opposite Point La Hache, containing twenty arpens front, and forty arpens in depth.

This claim was reported, among others, by the Register and Receiver of this district, under date 20th November, 1816; but there being no evidence adduced in support thereof, it is not confirmed: the claimant now proves possession and cultivation upwards of twenty-five years, and that he has always made the roads and levees. I am therefore of opinion, this claim ought to be confirmed.

102. *Barthelemy Macarty* claims, by inheritance from his father, John Baptiste Macarty, a tract of land, situated back of the city of New Orleans, bounded on the north side by the canal Carondelet, the Bayou St. John, and part of Roquégný's land; on west side by lands of the claimant, and the heirs of Boré; and on the south-east by vacant lands, measuring about thirteen hundred superficial acres.

This land was formerly claimed before the late Board of Commissioners, in the name of John Baptiste Macarty, the father of the claimant, and by them rejected on two grounds; first, that the claimant *pretended* to have had a grant for this land from the Baron Carondelet, dated in 1795, but that it had been destroyed by fire; and secondly, if ever the grant was made, it was clearly apparent to the board, that the said land was covered with other grants, long antecedent to that made to the claimant. It, however, is now proven, by the testimony of the Spanish surveyor, Pintado, and by a deputy

surveyor at the time, of the United States, that the grant was made by Carondelet; and that said Pintado did actually survey it, in conformity thereto, and that the grant was not burnt, but mislaid for some time, and afterwards seen by the latter witness among the papers of a certain Bertrand Gravier; that it was complete, and in the best form. With regard to the fact assumed by the board, that this land had been antecedently granted to others, I find no such evidence on record; on the contrary, it is now proven by B. Lafon and J. Pilie, both surveyors, that the land in question does not interfere with any other grant: but admitting the fact, I conceive the only point then as well as now, to be decided, is, whether the United States have any claim to said land. I am of opinion that they have none; and therefore think this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 103. *Maria Dauberville, widow Bouligny*, claims a lot of ground situate in the city of New Orleans, at the corner of Dumain and Conde streets, containing seventy-three on Conde street, and sixty-five feet on Dumain street. bounded on one side by the public ball room, and on the other side by the public stores, containing a superficies of four thousand seven hundred and forty-five feet, all French measure, under a grant from the Baron Carondelet, in the year 1792, (which has been mislaid or lost) to the late Col. Bouligny, her husband, and which the said Col. Bouligny, during his life time, and the said applicant after his death, have always, since the said grant, cultivated and possessed.

This claim was presented to, and acted upon, by the late board of commissioners, and by them rejected. It appears from a minute examination of the case, and from the additional testimony offered by the claimant, that the commissioners were probably mistaken in point of facts; they assigned as a reason for the rejection of the claim, that the lot had been granted by the Spanish government to Don Guido Dufosset, on condition that he should pay \$12 per month, and that he, having failed to comply with the condition, upon the representation of the intendant to the king, it was annexed to the royal domain. I have not been able to discover any connexion between Dufosset and the claimant.

She claims in right of her husband, deceased, late Col. Bouligny, and, in order to shew a title in him, she produces the testimony of four respectable inhabitants of the county, to wit: Louis De Ferret deposes, that, in the year 1793, he was a cadet in the regiment of Louisiana, that he resided in the family of Colonel Bouligny, the claimant's husband, from that time to the transfer of the province; that during all that time, to the present moment, this lot has been considered the property of the family of Colonel Bouligny; that Col. Bouligny built a house on said lot with the knowledge of the Governors who successively commanded, and of the Intendant; that he never heard any claim set up to said lot by the Government; that he has seen a concession or grant for it, signed, as he believes, by the Baron de Carondelet to Col. Bouligny, for the said lot: that, in the year 1794, there was a very destructive fire in the city of New Orleans,

and that in the confusion occasioned by the conflagration, many papers of individuals were lost and burnt. Another witness, Antoine Crugat, was a lieutenant in the regiment commanded by Colonel Bouligny, and confirms all the material facts stated by the first witness, particularly as to the building of the house, and enclosing said lot, with the perfect knowledge of the Governor; and further, that it was within his knowledge, as an officer of the treasury of the state for the five last years, that the claimant has uniformly paid the taxes for the house and lot. Another witness, Manuel Garcia, says, that, in the year 1792, it was generally understood by persons acquainted and connected with the Spanish Government, that a grant had been given to the husband of the claimant for this lot, by the Baron Carondelet; that her husband built a house, &c. thereon; that, after the Baron Carondelet was transferred to the province of Quieto, Governor Guyoso was the Governor of Louisiana; that he knows Col. Bouligny possessed the lot as his own; that, in the year 1799, orders were received from Spain to transfer the cognizance of the grants of lands, and every thing that related to the public property, to the Intendant of the province, Don Juan Ventura Morales; that the said Intendant was very strict and scrupulous in claiming all public property, and that Col. Bouligny must have had a title for this lot, otherwise he would have been dispossessed. Witness also states, that he was commander of the royal galleys; that he knows some of the Spanish Government of Louisiana were removed to Pensacola, and thence to the Havana, and that the vessel in which they were, was searched by pirates, and a great part of the said archives were destroyed, and that among them were papers relative to the concessions of lands in Louisiana, as well as other papers; that, some time after the cognizance of the public property was transferred to the Intendant, a strict research was set on foot by the Intendant, to ascertain the lots, and other property belonging to the king, in the city of New Orleans, but that witness never knew, or heard, that any claim was made to this lot by the Intendant. Another witness, J. Delassire, deposes, in substance, to that sworn to by the other witnesses. Such are the facts in this case, which are respectfully submitted for decision.

SAM. H. HARPER,

Reg. Land Office, E. Dist. Louisiana.

New Orleans, Jan. 6, 1821.

CLASS III.

No. 104. *John Baptiste Hebert* claims a tract of land situated in the parish of West Baton Rouge, containing five hundred and seventy-four arpens and sixty-five hundredths, fronting on the Mississippi, and bounded on the upper side by land of Alexis Hebert, and on the lower side by lands of Charles Hebert.

The claimant proves uninterrupted possession and cultivation ever since the year 1792.

No. 105. *Drausin La Branche*, and brothers, claim three tracts of

land of two arpens front each, making in the whole six arpens front, on the right bank of the Mississippi, with a depth of forty arpens, situate in the county of Orleans, bounded on the upper side by lands of the claimants, and below by lands of Louis Dufilho, two arpens of which is held in virtue of a purchase from Charlotte Lacombe, a free woman of color; two other arpens by purchase from Simon Menard, and two other arpens by purchase from Francis Lousier and Madame Emelie Jeannot Lavergne.

The claimants prove possession and occupation, by those under whom they claim, more than ten years anterior to the cession of Louisiana to the United States.

No. 106. *Francis Duplessis, Senior*, claims a tract of land on the left bank of the Mississippi, parish of Plaquemine, county of Orleans, having fourteen arpens front, and bounded on the upper side by Jeannet Nivet, and on the lower side by James Williams, as more fully appears from the plat hereto annexed.

This land is said to have been granted to Gentilly Dreaux, by the Spanish Government, and is held by the claimant in virtue of purchase: he proves possession and cultivation by those under whom he claims, for more than forty years.

No. 107. *Pierre B. St. Martin, and Madame Widow Ranson*, claim a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. Charles, county of German Coast, right bank of the Mississippi, having fourteen arpens two toises and five feet front, with a depth of forty arpens, bounded on the upper side by lands of Madame Ranson, and on the lower side by lands of Charles Perret, as more fully appears from the plat annexed.

The claimants prove, that this land was originally the property of Charles Darenbourg, and occupied by him, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, under whom they claim by successive sales.

No. 108. *Pierre Pujal Perret* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. Charles, county of German Coast, on the right bank of the Mississippi, having five arpens in front, by forty arpens in depth, and bounded on the upper side by lands of Pierre B. St. Martin, jun., and on the lower side by lands of Rouel Perret, being half of a tract of land of which the said Pierre B. St. Martin claims the other half.

It appears, that this land was originally the property of Robert Robin Delagny, and that it was in possession, in the year 1784; the claimant holds by successive purchases under the said original owner.

No. 109. *Pierre B. St. Martin, junior*, claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. Charles, county of German Coast, right bank of the Mississippi, having five arpens in front, by forty arpens in depth, being half of the tract, one half of which is claimed by Pierre Pujal Perret, bounded on the upper side by lands of Madame Le Blan, and on the lower side by lands of Pierre P. Perret, as appears by the plat annexed.

This claim is precisely similar, and held by the same title, as the preceding claim.

No. 110. *George Mather* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. James, on the left bank of the Mississippi, having twenty-eight arpens (more or less) front by forty arpens in depth, bounded on the upper side by lands of John Tirquet, and on the lower side by the widow Raymon Cousset.

This land is claimed by purchase from the original owners, and the claimant proves uninterrupted possession upwards of thirty years of himself and those under whom he claims.

No. 111. *Antoine Vichnair & Jaques Vichnair* claim a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. John Baptiste, on the left bank of the Mississippi, having four and a half arpens, (more or less) front with a depth of forty arpens, bounded on the upper side by lands of Jaques Claimant, and on the lower side by land of Michel Permy.

The claimants produce evidence of a purchase from the original proprietor, dated in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight.

No. 112. *Manuel Garcier* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. John Baptiste, on the right bank of the Mississippi, having twenty-two arpens and nine toises in front, with a depth of forty arpens, making a superficies as per plan annexed, of seven hundred and ninety-five arpens, bounded on the upper side by lands of George Bossier fils, and on the lower side by lands of Pierre Bossier Pere.

The claimant holds by purchase, and proves possession in those under whom he claims, some time anterior to the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty-eight.

No. 113. *George Deslondes* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. John Baptiste, county of German Coast, on the left bank of the Mississippi, having four arpens (more or less) front, by a depth of forty arpens, bounded on the upper side by lands of Michel Camlon, and on the lower side by lands of the widow Courad.

This land is claimed by purchase, under persons proving a possession in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty-six, during the French Government.

No. 114. *Francis Joseph Delhommere* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. Charles, on the left bank of the Mississippi, having eleven leagues front, with a depth of forty arpens, bounded on the upper side by lands of the claimant, and on the lower side by lands of Rosalie Rilleux.

This land is claimed by purchase, and possession in the original owner under whom the claimant holds, is shown by the deed of sale to have been in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six.

No. 115. *Pierre Daspit St. Armand* claims, first, a tract of land situate in the parish of St. Charles, county of German Coast, on the right bank of the Mississippi, having nine arpens in front by forty arpens in depth, bounded on the upper side by lands of Onephere St. Armand, and on the lower side by lands of the claimant; secondly, a tract of land adjoining to, and below the said first mentioned tract, having four arpens front by forty arpens in depth.

For the 1st tract, the claimant produces the survey of Charles

Laveau Trudeau, the surveyor general of the province of Louisiana, dated in the year 1799; and for the 2d tract, he proves possession in those under whom he claims in the year 1792.

No. 116. *Hiliare St. Armand* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. Charles, county of German Coast, on the right bank of the Mississippi, having two arpens and five toises front by forty arpens in depth, bounded on the upper side by lands of John Lavergne, and on the lower side by lands of Francis Boudoucin, as appears by the plat annexed.

This land is claimed by right of purchase, and the claimant proves possession in those under whom he claims, as far as the 16th December, 1793.

No. 117. *Philemon O. Wederstrandt* claims by purchase several different parcels of land on the Bayou St. Bernard, or Bayou Terre Aux Bœufs, county of Orleans, making in the whole a front of nineteen and three fourths arpens on each side of said Bayou, with a depth of forty arpens on each side, bounded on the upper side by lands of Antonio Ogeda, and on the lower side by lands of Hilario Bairos as appears more fully from the plat annexed.

The claimant proves, by the deposition of Col. Pierre Dennis de la Ronde, who was commanding officer at Terre aux Bœufs, in the year 1792, that said Le Ronde was ordered by the Spanish Government to assist the Surveyor General of the province of Louisiana to lay off all the land in that neighborhood, (for the persons then claiming, of whom those under whose titles the claimant's hold were a part) and that this order emanated from the king of Spain which was duly executed by the surveyor general aforesaid himself; and that he has never heard of any adverse claim to said lands.

No. 118. *Charles Perret, Sen.* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. Charles, county of German Coast, west side of the river Mississippi, having ten arpens front by a depth of forty arpens, bounded on the upper side by St. Martins, and on the lower side by lands of madame widow Vaugine, as more fully appears from the plat annexed.

The claimant holds in right of purchase, and proves peaceable possession and cultivation by himself and those under whom he claims, upwards of twenty seven years ago.

No. 119. *Charles Perret, Jr.* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. Charles, county of German Coast, on the west side of the river Mississippi, having four arpens front by forty arpens in depth, bounded on the upper side by lands of madame V. E. Brou, and on the lower side by the succession of Claudius Adam, as more fully appears from the plat annexed.

The claimant holds in right of purchase, and produces an authentic survey, dated in the year 1784; he also proves possession and cultivation.

No. 120. *Mrs. Brou* claims a tract of land, situated in the parish St. Charles, county of German Coast, on the west side of the Mississippi river, having four arpens four toises and three feet front, by forty arpens in depth, bounded on the upper side by the claim of Mrs.

Vaugine, and on the lower side by the claim of Charles Perret, Jr. as more fully appears from the plat of survey annexed.

The claimant holds in right of purchase, and produces an authentic survey made by the surveyor general of the province of Louisiana, in the year 1784; she also proves possession and cultivation upwards of twenty-five years.

No. 121. *Mrs. Widow Vaugine Darenbourg* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. Charles, county of German Coast, on the west side of the Mississippi river, having five arpens, less fifteen feet front, by forty arpens in depth, bounded on the upper side by the claim of Charles Perret, and on the lower side by the claim of Mrs. Brou, as more fully appears from the plat of survey annexed.

The claimant holds in right of purchase, and proves possession in herself and those under whom she claims upwards of twenty-five years.

No. 122. *Yves Bertelotte* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. John Baptiste, county of German Coast, on the right bank of the Mississippi, having four and a half arpens front, by 40 arpens in depth, bounded on the upper side by lands of Delette, and below by lands of Noel Delette.

The claimant holds in right of purchase, and produces a bill of sale made at public auction by Manuel Andry, Spanish Commandant, dated 8th November, 1796.

No. 123. *Peter & George Bossie* claim a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. John Baptiste, on the west side of the Mississippi river, having $12\frac{1}{2}$ arpens front, by 40 arpens in depth, bounded above by Justin and Maxamillan Bossie, and below by lands of Manuel Garcia with an opening of 80 degrees.

The claimants hold in right of purchase, and produce a deed of sale, by which it appears said land was possessed and cultivated in the year 1791.

No. 124. *Eugene Bare* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. John Baptiste, on the west side of the Mississippi, having 4 arpens front, by 40 arpens in depth, bounded on the upper side by lands of Francis Jacob, and below by lands of Justin & Maxamillan Bossie.

This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant produces a deed of sale, by which it appears said land was possessed and cultivated in the year 1800.

No. 125. *Antonio Mendez* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of Assumption, district of Lafourche containing 640 acres, being on the bayou Boeuf, at the entrance of said bayou on the left hand entering said bayou from lake Pallourd.

The claimant produces the certificate of the commanding officer at Lafourche during the Spanish government, which states that the claimant had permission from said government, to settle said land prior to the 20th December, 1803.

No. 126. *Pedro Gonsales* claims a tract of land, situate in the district of Lafourche, in the parish of Lafourche, interior, on the Bayou Grand Caillou, containing 640 acres, adjoining the lands of Maurieun Le Blanc.

The claimant produces the certificate of the Spanish commandant at Lafourche, which states that the claimant had permission to settle said land prior to the 20th December, 1803.

127. *Louis Nichol* claims a tract of land situate in the Parish of St. Jacques, left bank of the Mississippi, having one arpen twenty-seven toises three feet front, by forty arpens in depth, bounded on the upper side by land of Felix Lambert, and below by land of Joseph Guedry, as more fully appears from the plot of survey annexed.

This land is claimed in right of purchase, and proves possession in himself, and those under whom he claims, upwards of 40 years.

128. *Louis Nichols* claims another tract of land, situate in the Parish of St. Jacques, west side of the Mississippi river, having one arpen twenty-seven toises and three feet front, by forty arpens in depth, bounded on the upper sides by lands of Ennis Thibodeaux, and below by lands of Michel Lambert.

This land is claimed in right of purchase, and the claimant proves possession in himself, and those under whom he claims, upwards of 40 years.

129. *Joseph Bourgeois* claims a tract of land, situate in the Parish of Lafourche, interior, on the right bank of the Lafourche descending, having four arpens front, by forty arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of Bastein Landry, and below by lands of Baptiste Daigle.

This land is claimed in right of purchase and possession of cultivation by the claimant, and those under whom he holds, is proved upwards of 28 years.

No. 130. *Simon Le Blanc* claims a tract of land, situate in the county of Acadia, having six arpens and nineteen toises in front, by forty arpens in depth, bounded on the upper side by lands of Charles Gotreau, and below by land of Joseph Gravoise.

This land is claimed in right of, and the claimant proves possession, in himself and those under whom he claims, upwards of 28 years.

No. 131. *Madame Widow Millet* claims a tract of land, situate in the Parish of St. James, having two arpens front, by forty arpens in depth, bounded on the upper side by land of John Borry, and below by land of Henry Berthol.

This land is claimed in right of purchase, and the claimant proves possession and cultivation in herself, and those under whom she claims, upwards of 30 years past.

No. 132. The heirs of *Joseph Hebert* claims a tract of land, situate in the Parish of Iberville, of 40 arpens front, and 40 arpens in depth, bounded below by lands of Oliver Arnandez, and above by lands of Simon Melanson, commencing at 40 arpens from the river.

The claimant proves peaceable and uninterrupted possession of this land, 10 connective years before the 20th December, 1803, and possession on that day.

No. 133. *Pierre Rivet* claims a tract of land, situate in the Parish of Iberville, containing 4½ arpens front, by 40 arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of Thomas Hebert, and below by lands of Alexander Landry, in front of other lands of the claimant, at 40 arpens from the river.

The claimant proves uninterrupted possession of said lands ten consecutive years prior to the 20th December, 1803, and possession on that day.

No. 134. *Thomas Villaneura* claims a tract of land, situate on the Canal leading from the Bayou Lafourche to Lake Verret, containing 264 acres.

The claimant proves that one Francis Goutreaux had permission of the proper Spanish officer to settle this land several years previous to the 20th December, 1803; that it was so settled; that said Goutreaux has since conveyed the same to the claimant, in whose possession it now is.

No. 135. *Louis Foucher* claims a tract of land, situate in the Parish of Orleans, fronting on the Bayou des Cannes, having 88 toises front, and running back, converging to a point, containing 92 arpens and 300 toises, superficial measure, bounded above by lands of Widow Panis, and below by lands of Jacques Leveaudais.

This land is claimed by purchase, from Joseph Rousiniac; and, by reference to deeds of sale, it appears, that, in the year 1780, Mr. Liveaudais, the father, purchased it from the Ursuline nuns, so that it must have been in possession long anterior, and being part of a larger tract, originally—it is now impossible to trace it to the first grant.

No. 136. *John McDonogh, Jr.* claims a tract of land, situate 11 leagues below the city of New Orleans, on the right bank of the river Mississippi, containing 60½ arpens in front, on the river, by 80 arpens in depth, by virtue of a purchase made by him of the late Francis Bernoudy, for the sum of \$16,000.

The documents produced in favor of this claim are: 1st, a certificate of Charles De Latour, the late Spanish commandant of that district, attesting the right to said land in the said Francis Bernoudy, by whom it was settled and improved with extensive works and buildings, cultivated, and the levee and road made and kept in repair since the year 1779; 2d, a certificate of Francis Langlois, proving the improvement and cultivation of the said land as early as 1777 and 1778, by the said F. Bernoudy, and his residence thereon; 3d, a certificate of Bernard Bernoudy, brother to the said F. Bernoudy, proving that said tract of land had been purchased in the year 1776, by his said brother, from Charles Oliver de Vegin, and had been cultivated and expensively improved a term of 40 years prior to the purchase of the claimant; 4th, a plot of survey of said land, executed by Ferdinand P. Portier, a sworn surveyor, in the year 1805; 5th, a deed of sale from Francis Bernoudy to the claimant of said tract of land, passed before Michel De Armas, Esq. notary public, in the city of New Orleans, dated 7th February, 1816.

No. 137. The *Widow Bertram Dautrive* claims a tract of land, situate in the county of Iberville, on the right bank of the Mississippi, having seven arpens and two toises front, by a depth of forty arpens, bounded on one side by lands of Blaise Rivet, and on the other by lands of Landry, five arpens and two toises front of said land, was in possession, as appears from the deeds of sales of the persons from whom this claim is derived, in the year 1792, and the other two arpens

front, appears, from an inventory made, to have been in possession in the year 1790, so that the whole claim was possessed more than ten consecutive years prior to the 20th December, 1803. The claimant holds, in right of purchase.

No. 138. *Terrence Le Blanc* claims a tract of land, situate in the Parish of St. John Baptiste, on the right bank of the Mississippi river, having two arpens front, with a depth of forty arpens, bounded above by lands of Charles Davensbourg, and below by lands of Alexis Pevret.

This land is claimed by purchase; and, from the deeds of sale exhibited, it appears it has been in the possession of the claimant, and those under whom he claims, since the year 1781.

No. 139. *Robert Sprigg* claims a tract of land, situate in the county of Orleans, on the right bank of the Mississippi, containing about fifteen arpens front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of B. Lafon, and below by lands of the claimant.

The claimant proves, by the certificate of Joshua Lewis, late commissioner of lands in this district, that he has had in his possession the written permission of the proper Spanish officer for the original settler, Marie Jean, to settle said land, which is now lost, and that said land was so actually settled several years before the 20th December, 1803. The claimant holds in right of purchase, under the title aforesaid.

No. 140. *Godefroy Boudousquee* claims a tract of land, situated in the Parish of St. John Baptiste, German Coast, on the left side of the Mississippi river, measuring 14 arpens front, by a depth of 40 arpens, and bounded on one side by the property of Antoine Dupery, and on the other by that of Martin Dabourg.

This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant proves possession and cultivation in himself, and in those under whom he claims, upwards of forty years.

No. 141. *John Baptiste Baudry* claims a tract of land, situate in the Parish of St. John Baptiste, on the left bank of the Mississippi, measuring four arpens in front, by forty arpens in depth, bounded on the upper side by lands of Henry Foncot, and below by lands of Drausin Bourne.

This land is claimed in right of purchase, and the claimant proves possession and cultivation in himself, and those under whom he claims, upwards of 40 years.

No. 142. *Sainville Fernant* claims a tract of land, situate in the county of Point Coupé, containing 629 $\frac{1}{2}$ toises front, to the Batteire à l'extrémité inférieure de la fausse reveiré, with a depth of 40 arpens; bounded on one side by lands of Antoine Decuier, and on the other by lands of Alexander Labry.

This land is claimed in right of purchase, made during the Spanish Government.

No. 143. *Honoré La Grue* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. John Baptiste, left bank of the Mississippi, containing one arpen in front, by a depth of 40 arpens; bounded above by lands of Francis Clement, and below by lands of Jaques Lagrove.

This land is claimed by purchase. The claimant produces a process verbal, made by Don Andry, dated 24th January, 1776, for 6 arpens front, of which this is part. He also proves a settlement since the year 1792.

No. 144. *Francis Clement* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. John Baptiste, left bank of the Mississippi, containing 1 arpen front by 40 arpens in depth; bounded above by lands of widow Nicholas Elfert, and below by Honoré Lagrove.

This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant refers to the process verbal, made by Don Andry, in the year 1776, for 6 arpens front, of which this is a part, and recorded in the proceeding claim. He also proves possession since the year 1792.

No. 145. *Henry Montz* claims a tract of land situate in the parish of St. John Baptiste, left bank of the Mississippi, containing four arpens front by forty arpens in depth, bounded above and below by lands of Oliver Fourcelle. This land is claimed by purchase; the claimant produces the proces verbal of Don Andry, executed on the 24th January, 1776, and also proves settlement since the year 1792.

No. 146. *Widow Nicholas Elfert* claims a tract of land situate in the parish of St. John Baptiste, left side of the Mississippi, containing two arpens and a half front, by a depth of forty arpens, bounded above by lands of Oliver Fourcelle, and below by lands of Francois Clement. This land is claimed by purchase; the claimant produces the proces verbal made by Don Andry, on the 25th January, 1776, and also proves settlement since the year 1792.

No. 147. *Louis Dufithe* claims a tract of land situate in the county of Orleans, right bank of the Mississippi, containing six arpens in front, by a depth of forty arpens; bounded on one side by lands of Drausin Labranche, and on the other by lands of Widow Jean Mendez. The claimant proves possession, in himself and in those under whom he claims, according to the expression of the witnesses, "a long time before the possession of Louisiana by the United States."

No. 148. *Louis Dufithe* claims a tract of land situate in the county of Orleans, right bank of the Mississippi, containing about four arpens in front by a depth of forty arpens, bounded on one side by lands of Philip Guenault, and on the other side by lands of Thomas Poré. This land is claimed by purchase at sheriff's sale, and the claimant proves possession and cultivation upwards of thirty years.

No. 149. *Adam Jacob* claims a tract of land situate in the parish of St. John Baptiste, left bank of the Mississippi, containing about five arpens front by forty arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of Baptist Marchand, and below by lands of Charles Egeidi, as appears from the plat annexed.

This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant produces the certificate of the clerk of the Parish Court of said parish, certifying a succession of sales for said land, from the present claimant, through those under whom he claims, as far back as the 3d day of February, 1803.

No. 150. *Honoré Landrunf, Joseph Laveneu, and Jourdan Freris*, claim a tract of land situated in the parish of St. John Baptiste, on

the left bank of the Mississippi, containing thirty-four arpens front, by forty arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of Major Lee, and below by lands of Col. Croghan.

This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant proves possession and cultivation upwards of thirty years; and the witnesses state that there was a Spanish or French concession for this land.

No. 151. *Louis Cavalier* claims a tract of land situate in the county of Orleans, on the right bank of the Mississippi, containing one arpen and twenty-seven toises by forty arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of John Louis Drouet, and below by lands of Widow Glaude Cheler. This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant exhibits a Spanish sale, of an old date, and proves possession in those under whom he claims, upwards of forty years.

No. 152. *Wartier d'Outremer* claims a tract of land situate in the parish of Ascension, left bank of the Mississippi, containing two arpens front by a depth of forty arpens, bounded above by lands of Jacob Brou, and below by Jacques, a free negro. This land is claimed by purchase, and possession is proved upwards of twenty years.

No. 153. *Alexander Harang* claims a tract of land situate in the parish of Orleans, on the right bank of the Mississippi, containing nineteen arpens ten toises front, three arpens and twenty toises of which, on the upper side, have a depth of one hundred arpens; twelve arpens and twenty toises, on the lower side, have a depth of eighty arpens; and the remainder have a depth of forty arpens; the whole bounded above by lands of the widow Bachelot, and below by lands of D'Lireaudais, brothers.

This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant produces affidavits, proving that this land was originally granted by the French Government, and also possession and cultivation by the claimant, and by those under whom he claims, upwards of thirty-five years.

No. 154. *The Widow Jacques Lesch* claims a tract of land situate in the parish of St. John Baptiste, containing two arpens front on the left bank of the Mississippi, and forty arpens in depth. The claimant produces two affidavits, proving quiet and uninterrupted possession of said land upwards of thirty years.

No. 155. *Gabriel Clonthier* claims a tract of land situate in the parish of St. John Baptiste, containing four arpens front and forty arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of Henri Fonteneau, and below by lands of Morand Vilie. The claimant produces a deed of sale for said land, made to him, dated 9th April. 1777.

No. 156. *Widow George Delondes* claims a tract of land situated in the parish of St. Charles, German Coast, containing seventeen arpens front on the right bank of the Mississippi, and forty arpens in depth, bounded on the upper side by lands of Politi, and below by lands of N. Destrehan.

The claimant proves possession and cultivation upwards of thirty years.

No. 157. *Daniel Materne* claims a tract of land situated in the parish of St. John Baptiste, county of German Coast, on the left bank of the Mississippi, containing six arpens and eighteen toises front, by

forty arpens in depth, bounded on the upper side by lands of John Baptist Vierrier, and below by Juan Pedro. The claimant proves possession anterior to the year 1792.

No. 158. *Jaques Charbonnet* claims a tract of land situated in the parish of St. John Baptiste, left bank of the Mississippi, containing seven arpens and seven toises front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of L. Bicknell, and below by lands of André Lassigne. The claimant holds by purchase, and produces successive sales, from 24th October 1760, down to himself.

No. 159. *Pierre Cazelard* claims a tract of land situate in the parish of Orleans, on the right bank of the Mississippi, containing twenty-four arpens front, and a depth to the Bayou Villars, bounded above by lands of Bernard Marigny, and below by lands of Dr. William Flood. The claimant proves possession and cultivation of this land upwards of forty years.

No. 160. *John Baptist La Branch, Lusien and Drausin La Branch*, claim a tract of land, situated in the parish of St. Charles, left bank of the Mississippi, containing twenty-three arpens, eleven toises, and four feet front, and a depth to the lake, bounded above by lands of La Branch Freres; and below by lands of Alexander La Branch. The claimant holds in right of purchase; and they prove possession and cultivation by them, and by those under whom they claim, prior to the year 1776.

No. 161. *Widow George Deslonde* claims a tract of land, situated in the parish of Orleans, below the city, on the left bank of the Mississippi, containing three arpens front on the river, by eleven arpens depth; and on the back part of that depth, four arpens, twenty feet front, and a depth of twenty-nine arpens, making a depth of forty arpens for the three arpens front aforesaid; bounded on the upper side by Bienvenu, Jun. and below by lands of Fernandez Torres. The claimant holds in right of purchase, and she proves possession and cultivation by her, and by those under whom she claims, upwards of forty years.

No. 162. *Widow Jean Rodrique* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. John Baptiste, left bank of the Mississippi, containing two arpens front, and forty arpens in depth; bounded above by lands of Jean Lagman, and below by lands of Michel Campe. This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant proves possession by himself, and by those under whom she claims upwards of forty-seven years.

No. 163. *Christophe Astizig*, alias, quatre vinght, claims a tract of land, situated in the parish of St. John Baptiste, left bank of the Mississippi; containing one arpen front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of Antoine Astizig, and below by — Astoneau. This land is claimed by purchase; and the claimant proves possession and cultivation by himself, and by those under whom he claims, since the year 1782.

No. 164. *Francois Trepaznier*, and *Pierre Trepaznier*, claim a tract of land, situated in the parish of St. Charles, county of German Coast, left bank of the Mississippi, containing sixteen arpens, ten

toises, and three feet front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of James Brown, and below by lands of La Branch Freres. This land the claimants prove to have been possessed and cultivated upwards of forty-seven years.

No. 165. *Louis Chauvin Delery* claims a tract of land, situate in the county of Orleans, on the right bank of the Mississippi, containing ten arpens and ten toises front, and forty depth, bounded on the upper side by lands of the widow Francois Delery, and below by lands of Joseph Vertois Degruy. This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant proves by affidavits, that this land was granted by the French Government, has been possessed and cultivated upwards of eighty years.

No. 166. The family of Bontté, (Jean B. Bontté) successor of Hilaire Bontté, Tisapherne Bontté, claim a tract of land, being an island called Barrataria, in the district of Barrataria, bounded north by the bayou Villars, east by bayou Onihas, and bayou Rigolets, South by a place called the Temple, and West by Pierrot, and the lake of Onihas, containing fourteen and fifteen leagues in circumference. The claimants prove by affidavits, that this land was granted, by the French Government, to M. M. Villars and Dubreriel, before the year 1754; that in that year it was bought at auction by Villars the son; that it has since descended to them by purchase, and by them possessed and occupied upwards of forty years. It appears a great portion of this island is unfit for cultivation, and that the family claiming it are numerous.

No. 167. The widow of *Jaques Deslonde* and *André Deslonde*, her son, claim a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. John Baptiste, on the left bank of the Mississippi, containing about twenty-two arpens and two-thirds front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of Charles Lasseigne, and below by lands of Lebranch Freres. The claimants prove possession and cultivation anterior to, and since the year 1792.

No. 168. *Louis* and *Hebea St. Amand* claim a tract of land situate in the parish of St. Bernard, left bank of the Mississippi, bounded on the upper side by lands of the claimant, and below by lands of Bienvenue, containing four arpens front, and a depth to Lake Borgne, being a part of a tract of ten arpens front, formerly belonging to Louis Regio. Six arpens of which have been sold at auction by the United States, with a depth to Lake Borgne. The claimants prove, by depositions of witnesses, that the whole of this land was originally granted by the Spanish Government, and that this land has been cultivated and occupied thirty years.

No. 169. *Zenon Bonozent* claims a tract of land situate in the county of Point Coupé, west side of the Mississippi, containing ten arpens in front, and 40 arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of Thomas Key, and below by lands of Simon Croizac. This land is claimed by purchase. The claimant proves possession and cultivation, in those under whom he claims, prior to the 20th December, 1803.

No. 170. *Nicolas Le Cour* claims a tract of land situate in the county of Point Coupé, west side of the Mississippi, containing six arpens front, by 40 arpens in depth, bounded, above and below, by lands of widow Pierre Decuir. This land is claimed by purchase. The claimant proves possession and cultivation, in those under whom he claims, prior to 20th December, 1803.

No. 171. Widow *Pierre Decuir* claims a tract of land situated in the vicinity of Point Coupé, west side of the Mississippi, containing five arpens five toises and a half front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of Zenon La Cour, and below by lands of Nicolas La Cour. This land is claimed by purchase. The claimant proves possession and cultivation, under those by whom she claims, prior to the 20th December, 1803.

No. 172. Widow *Pierre Decuir* claims a tract of land situate in the county of Point Coupé, west side of the Mississippi, containing nine arpens and twenty-six toises and one-third front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of Nicolas La Cour, and below by lands of Joseph De Cuir. This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant proves possession and cultivation, by those under whom she claims, prior to the 20th December, 1803.

No. 173. Widow of *Charles Dufour* claims a tract of land situate in the county of Point Coupé, west side of the Mississippi, containing five arpens eight toises and four-fifths in front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of Joseph Decuir, and below by lands of Sebastian Heniul. This land is claimed by purchase; and the claimant proves possession and cultivation, by those under whom she claims, prior to the 20th December, 1803.

No. 174. *Joseph Decuir* claims a tract of land situate in the county of Point Coupé, west side of the Mississippi, containing six arpens four toises and one-third front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of widow Pierre Decuir, and below by lands of widow C. Dufour. This land is claimed by purchase. The claimant proves possession and cultivation, by those under whom he claims, prior to 20th December, 1803.

No. 175. The widow and heirs of *Stephen Blunt* claim a tract of land situate in the parish of Iberville, on the point below the bayou Mauchac, containing about 260 acres, bounded above by lands of De la Bois, and below by lands recorded in the name of Mr. Hinson.

It appears this land was in the possession of Abner Gray, and actually inhabited and cultivated by him, in the year 1802, and from that time till 20th December, 1803; on which day said Gray resided thereon, who afterwards sold it to Dument, who sold it to Stephen Blunt, of whom the claimants are the legal representatives.

No. 176. The widow and heirs of *Maturin Landry*, claim (for the use of Seth and James Johnn, who are purchasers under them,) a tract of land situated in the parish of Iberville, on the right bank of the Mississippi, containing nearly six arpens front, adjoining and bounded by land claimed by Mathurin Landry, and then running back forty arpens.

This land is claimed by purchase; and it appears that said Mathurin Landry, (from whom the claim is derived,) was in possession of said land in 1803, and for more than ten consecutive years prior thereto.

No. 177. *Benjamin Morgan* claims a lot of Ground in the city of New Orleans, at the corner of Gravier and Magazine streets, containing 242 feet on Gravier street, and 132 feet on Magazine street, both French measure. This lot was purchased from Julien Poydrass, and the claimant proves, in this claim, as in all the subsequent claims for lots contained in this report, that this, and they, have been peaceably and uninterruptedly possessed prior to the cession of Louisiana to the United States.

No. 178. *Benjamin Morgan* claims a lot of ground in the city of New Orleans, at the corner of Gravier and Camp streets, adjoining the preceding lot, containing on Gravier street 78 feet 4 inches, and on Camp street 187 feet six inches, French measure. This lot claimant bought of Messrs. D. and T. Arquhart. The deeds of sale for this lot proved that it was possessed at least as early as 1799.

No. 179. *Benjamin Morgan* claims a lot of ground in the city of New Orleans, containing 60 feet front upon Magazine street, and having same width through the square, to Camp street, between Gravier and Poydrass streets, being about 340 feet, all French measure. This lot was purchased by the claimant from Nicholas Gravier; same proof as in claimant's 1st claim.

180. *Benjamin Morgan* claims a lot of ground situate in the city of New Orleans, at the corner of Levee and Gravier streets, extending along Gravier street to Magazine street; measuring upon Levee street sixty feet seven inches, upon Gravier street 312 feet, and Magazine street 61 feet, French measure. This land claimant bought of William Flower, attorney of Cochran & Rhea, and deeds of sale prove it to have been owned and possessed as early as the year 1784.

No. 181. *Benjamin Morgan* claims a lot of ground in the city of New Orleans, at the corner of Levee and Gravier streets, measuring 188 feet upon Gravier street, and 60 feet on Levee street, evidencing, at the lower end of the lot, 14 feet, all French measure. This lot claimant purchased of Pierre Bailey, and deeds of sale shew that this lot was possessed and sold on the 27th February, 1789.

No. 182. *Benjamin Morgan* claims a lot of ground in the city of New Orleans, now occupied as a brick yard, measuring upon Tchoupitoulas street 300 feet, and extending to Levee street, with the right of the Batture in front. This land claimant purchased, and deeds of sale shew, that it was possessed and sold originally in the year 1792.

Note. As the foregoing six claims are for lots in the city, I had doubts whether the law contemplated enregistering such claims; but, at the request of the claimant, I have done so, and cannot entertain a doubt as to the validity of his titles.

No. 183. *Benjamin Morgan* claims a tract of land called the Orange Grove, near the English Turn, left bank of the Mississippi, measur-

ing 26 arpens front, and forty arpens deep. This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant proves, from deeds of sale, that this land was occupied and sold as early as the year 1803, 31st March.

No. 184. *Benjamin Morgan* claims a tract of land in the county of Orleans, adjoining the Orange Grove, left bank of the Mississippi, containing 4 arpens front, by 40 arpens in depth. This land is claimed by purchase from Madam Dupré, 16th February, 1804, and deeds of sale shew that she had bought the same about 22 years previous.

No. 185. *Benjamin Morgan* claims a tract of land situate in the county of Orleans, adjoining the last mentioned tract, containing four arpens front and 40 arpens in depth. This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant proves, by deeds of sale, that it was possessed and sold as early as the 14th December, 1976.

No. 186. *Benjamin Morgan* claims a tract of land situate in the county of Orleans, left bank of the Mississippi, near the upper end of the English Turn, containing about 30 arpens and 28 toises front, and 40 arpens in depth; the place now called "Cainanin." This land is claimed by purchase, and deeds of sale shew that it was possessed and sold 1st September, 1803, and they also recognize said land as having been granted by the Spanish governor, Baron Carondelet.

No. 187. *Benjamin Morgan* claims a tract of land adjoining the last mentioned tract, containing three arpens front, and extending to the lake. This land is claimed by purchase, and deeds of sale shew that it was possessed and sold as early as the 23d July, 1791.

No. 188. *Benjamin Morgan* claims a tract of land at the English Turn, right bank of the Mississippi, opposite the Orange Grove estate, containing, in front, on a line at right angles with the upper and lower boundary line, 15 arpens and 14 toises, and 40 arpens in depth. This land is claimed by purchase, and the title by occupancy and sales, to those under whom the claimant holds, is traced as far back as the year 1770.

No. 189. *Benjamin Morgan* claims a tract of land at the English Turn, right bank of the Mississippi, containing ten arpens front, with a depth not exceeding eighty arpens. This land is claimed by purchase, and possession is traced, in those under whom claimant holds, to 6th December, 1787.

No. 190. *Benjamin Morgan* claims a tract of land at the English Turn, adjoining the last mentioned tract, containing six arpens front, with a depth of 40 arpens. This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant shews, from deeds of sale, that this land was possessed and occupied since 6th December, 1787.

No. 191. *Benjamin Morgan* claims a tract of land situate about seven and a half leagues below New Orleans, on the right bank of the Mississippi, containing $21\frac{1}{2}$ arpens, and 120 feet front and 40 arpens in depth. This land comprises three different tracts which the claimant has purchased; it appears from deeds of sale passed, that this land was sold in presence of the commandant of the parish, during the Spanish government, in 1788.

No. 192. *Benjamin Morgan* claims a tract of land situate in the county of Orleans, at the English Turn, adjoining the tract second above mentioned, on the right bank of the Mississippi, measuring four arpens front, and forty arpens in depth, running back in two parallel lines.

This land is claimed by purchase. It appears this land was possessed, by the original owners, in the time of the Spanish government in Louisiana.

No. 193. *G. Roussel, and Louis Le Bourgeois*, claim a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. James, on the left bank of the Mississippi, containing two arpens front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded above and below by lands of the claimants.

This land is claimed by purchase; and the claimants prove quiet possession and cultivation, by themselves, and by those under whom they claim, upwards of thirty years. The witnesses also swear, that this land was originally granted by the Spanish government.

No. 194. *Stephen Henderson* claims a tract of land situate in the county of Orleans, right bank of the Mississippi, containing about forty arpens front, and eighty arpens in depth, bounded above by the lands of the widow of Francois Delery, and below, by the lands of J. B. Degruys, and Antoine Foucher, jun.

This land is claimed in right of purchase, and the claimant proves possession and cultivation, by himself, and by those under whom he claims, upwards of forty years.

No. 195. *Charles Lasseigne* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. John Baptiste, on the left bank of the Mississippi, bounded on the upper side by lands of Philippe Bredi, and below by lands of Widow Jaques Deslonde, containing two arpens front, and forty arpens in depth.

This land is claimed by purchase; and the claimant proves, that said land has been occupied by him, and by those under whom he claims, before the year 1792.

196. *Thomas Becknal* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. John Baptiste, on the right bank of the Mississippi, containing about nine arpens front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of Pierre Roussel, and below by Pierre Maxmillion.

This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant proves possession and cultivation by him, and by those under whom he claims, from the year 1792.

No. 197. *Thomas Becknal* claims a tract of land situated in the parish of St. John Baptiste, right bank of the Mississippi, containing four arpens front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded above by the lands of Christophe Troxles, and below by lands of John Denoyers.

This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant proves possession in himself, and by those under whom he claims, from the year 1777.

No. 198. *John Miner* claims a tract of land situate in the parish of Ascension, left bank of the Mississippi, containing seventeen arpens front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of

Louis Pavé, and below by lands of Stephen Henderson and John Anderson.

This land is claimed in right of purchase, and it is proved by affidavit, that said land was originally granted by the Spanish Government; as also possession and cultivation upwards of thirty years.

No. 199. *Willam Kenner* and *Philip Miner* claim a tract of land situate in the parish of Ascension, county of Acadia, left bank of the Mississippi, containing two arpens front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of Edmund Brand, and below by lands of John Louis Picon.

This land is claimed by purchase, and it is proved by affidavits, that this land was originally granted by the Spanish Government; and further, possession and cultivation upwards of thirty years.

No. 200. *William Kenner* and *Philip Miner* claim a tract of land situate in the parish of Ascension, county of Acadia, left bank of the Mississippi, containing twenty-eight arpens front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of S. Henderson and J. Anderson, and below by the heirs of Bartholemy Himilton.

This land is claimed by purchase, and it is proved by affidavits, that it was originally granted by the Spanish Government; also possession and cultivation upwards of thirty years.

No. 201. *Joseph Verloin Degruy* claims a tract of land situate in the county of Orleans, on the right bank of the Mississippi, containing eleven arpens front, and eighty arpens in depth; bounded above by lands of L. Chauvin Delery, and below by lands of Balthazar Saulet.

Three arpens front of said land was purchased from Mr. Foucher, with a depth of forty arpens, and the remaining eight arpens, with a depth of eighty arpens, together with forty additional arpens, back of the purchase from said Foucher, was purchased from Stephen Henderson.

The claimant proves possession and cultivation by himself, and by those under whom he claims, previous to, and since, the year 1790.

No. 202. *Samuel McCutchen* claims a tract of land, situate in the Parish of St. Charles, left bank of the Mississippi, containing ten arpens front, and a depth to the Lake, bounded on the upper side by lands of Alexander La Branche, and below by claimant.

This land is claimed in right of purchase, and the claimant proves possession and cultivation by himself, and by those under whom he claims, 44 consecutive years. This land is part of the following tract.

No. 203. *Alexander La Branche* claims a tract of land, situate in the Parish of St. Charles, left bank of the Mississippi, containing four arpens front, and a depth to the Lake, bounded above by lands of Duvergne, and below by lands of Samuel McCutchen, as more fully appears from the plat annexed.

This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant proves possession and cultivation by himself, and by those under whom he claims, upwards of 35 years.

No. 204. *James Brown* claims a tract of land, situate in the Par-

ish of St. Charles, on the left bank of the Mississippi, about 27 miles above the city of New Orleans, containing four arpens front on said river, and forty arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of the claimant, and below by lands of Francis Trepagnier.

This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant produces deeds of sale from the 30th December, 1782, through different persons, down to himself, which also proves the possession of said land during the same period.

No. 205. *Thomas Villanueva* claims a tract of land, situate on the Canal leading from the Bayou Lafourche to Lake Verret, containing $565 \frac{71}{100}$ superficial acres, according to a plan of survey recorded in book No. 1 of Lafourche, page 79.

This land was claimed before the late Board of Commissioners, and not acted upon by them, through mistake, as one of them, to wit: the Hon. Joshua Lewis, states, but appears the claimant settled said land by the permission of the proper Spanish officers, and that it was in possession and under cultivation on the 20th December, 1803, and for several years previous thereto.

No. 206. *George Emele* claims a tract of land, situate in the Parish of St. John Baptiste, left bank of the Mississippi, containing two arpens front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of Lean Vichner, and below by lands of Leonard Tregle.

This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant produces deeds of sale, for said land, from the 26th February, 1794, (made at that time by Don Andry, a Spanish commandant) down to himself.

No. 207. *Pierre Brand* claims a tract of land, situate in the Parish of Ascension, left bank of the Mississippi, containing three arpens and one-fourth front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of Alexander Chener, and below by lands of Nicholas Landry.

This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant proves possession and cultivation prior to the 20th December, 1803.

No. 208. *Alexander Chener* claims a tract of land, situate in the Parish of Ascension, left bank of the Mississippi, containing three arpens front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of John Louis Picon, and below by lands of Pierre Brand.

This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant proves possession and cultivation by those under whom he claims, prior to 20th December, 1803.

No. 209. *John Louis Picon* claims a tract of land, situate in the Parish of Ascension, left bank of the Mississippi, containing two arpens front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of Kenner and Miner, and below by lands of Alexander Chener.

This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant proves possession and cultivation by those under whom he claims, prior to the 20th December, 1803.

No. 210. *Nicholas Landry* claims a tract of land, situate in the Parish of Ascension, left bank of the Mississippi, containing two arpens and three-fourths front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded by lands of Pierre Brand, below by lands of Joseph Babin.

This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant proves possession and cultivation by those under whom he claims, prior to the 20th December, 1803.

No. 211. *Jaques Clement* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. John Baptiste, left bank of the Mississippi, containing two arpens front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of Daniel Maderne, and below by lands of Antoine Vichner.

The claimant holds by purchase, and proves by successive sales, from the 13th August, 1780, down to himself, that said land was possessed during that period.

No. 212. *Jaques*, a free man of color, claims a tract of land situate in the parish of Ascension, left bank of the Mississippi, containing about one arpen in front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of Carlier d'Outriemer, and below by lands of Le Blanc.

This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant proves possession and cultivation prior to the 20th December, 1803.

No. 213. *Drozen Borne* claims a tract of land situate in the parish of St. John Baptiste, on the left bank of the Mississippi, containing two arpens front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of J. B. Baudry, and below by lands of Antoine Dupuy.

This land is claimed by purchase, the claimant produces two affidavits, proving possession and cultivation by him, and by those under whom he claims, upwards of forty years.

No. 214. *Olivier Forcelle* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. John Baptiste, on the left bank of the Mississippi, measuring four arpens front and forty arpens in depth, bounded on one side by lands of Henry Muntz, and on the other side by lands of F. Maurice Elfer.

This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant proves possession and cultivation by himself and by those under whom he claims, since the year 1792, and prior thereto.

No. 215. *Richard H. Lee* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. John Baptiste, on the Mississippi, containing one and a half arpens front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded on the upper side by lands of Godefrey Bourdoxisque and below by lands of Chrisistom Bourne.

This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant proves possession and cultivation, in himself and in those under whom he claims, upwards of thirty years.

No. 216. *Pierre Lalanne* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. Jaques, on the right bank of the Mississippi, containing two arpens front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of Pierre Bourgeois, and below by lands of Etienne Richard.

This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant proves possession and cultivation, in himself and in those under whom he claims, upwards of forty years.

No. 217. *Marie Bergeron*, widow of Pierre Bourgeois, claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. Jaques, on the right bank of the Mississippi, containing two arpens front, and forty arpens in

depth, bounded above by lands of Rosalie Bourgeois, widow Jean Maria Maland, and below by lands of Pierre Lalanne.

This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant proves possession, in herself, and in those under whom she claims, upwards of fifty years.

No. 218. *Evariste Villecarvasse* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. Jaques, on the right bank of the Mississippi, containing six arpens front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of Pierre Richard, and below by Lament Fabre.

This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant proves possession, in himself and in those under whom he claims, upwards of forty years.

No. 219. *Miss Louise Carmouche* claims a tract of land situate in the county of Orleans, on the right bank of the Mississippi, containing one arpen and twenty-seven toises front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded on one side by lands of Joseph St. Amand, and on the other side by lands of Jean Louis Cavale.

This land is claimed by succession or inheritance from the claimant's father, and she proves possession upwards of forty years.

No. 220. *Antoine Mentz, Andre Mentz, and Widow Christophe Mentz*, claim a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. John Baptiste, on the left bank of the Mississippi, containing one hundred and thirty seven toises and three feet front, and forty arpens in depth.

This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimants produce a survey made by the Surveyor General of the province of Louisiana, and they also prove possession from the year 1792.

No. 221. *James Williams* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of Plaquemene, left bank of the Mississippi, containing twenty-one arpens front, and a depth of thirty-two arpens, beginning at the lower limit of other lands of the claimant, at a distance of eight arpens from the river, fronting on a bayou, and bounded below by lands of Mors Vinet.

This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant proves possession and cultivation by himself, and by those under whom he claims, upwards of thirty years.

No. 222. *Andre Saixnaitre* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. John Baptiste, containing four arpens front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded on one side by lands of Benjamin Borne, and on the other side, by lands of Yoes Berthelot.

The claimant proves, from successive deeds of sale, that this land has been possessed by him, and by those under whom he claims, from the year 1790; and is a part of a larger tract, owned by Anthony Delatre.

No. 223. *Jn. Legrange* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. John Baptiste, right bank of the Mississippi, containing three arpens front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded on one side by lands of — Hoffman.

This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant shews by successive deeds of sale, that he and those under whom he claims, from the year 1787.

No. 224. *Charles Rom* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. John Baptiste, right bank of the Mississippi, containing two arpens front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of ———, and below by lands of ———.

The claimant holds by purchase, and proves, from successive deeds of sale, that said land has been possessed from the year 1793.

No. 225. *George Louppe* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. John Baptiste, right bank of the Mississippi, containing about five arpens front, and forty arpens in depth; bounded above by lands of Benjamin Hottin, and below by lands of Charles Rhene.

This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant proves possession of said land by authentic deeds of sale, from 1789, down to himself.

No. 226. *Henry Bandé* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. John Baptiste, right bank of the Mississippi, containing two arpens front, and thirty-six arpens in depth; bounded on one side by lands of L. Legrangé, and on the other side by lands of B. Hyniél.

This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant proves, from successive deeds of sale, that said land has been possessed from the year 1792, to the present time.

No. 227. *Godefroy Perret* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. John Baptiste, right bank of the Mississippi, containing one arpen front, and forty arpens in depth; bounded above by lands of Hebert Daremsbourg, and below by lands of Ursin Perret.

This land is claimed by purchase. The claimant proves, by deeds of sale, that said land has been possessed from the year 1787, to the present time.

No. 228. *Justine Perret* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. John Baptiste, right bank of the Mississippi, containing one arpen front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of Hebert Daremsbourg, and below by lands of Ursin Perret.

This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant proves, by deeds of sale, that said land has been possessed since the year 1787, and to the present time.

No. 229. *Bartien Hymel* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. John Baptiste, left bank of the Mississippi, containing three arpens front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded on one side by lands of Henry Bodé, and on the other side by lands of P. Montegut.

This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant proves by deeds of sale, that said land has been possessed from the year 1781, to the present time.

No. 230. *L. Legrange* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. John Baptiste, containing 2 arpens in front by 40 arpens in depth; bounded above by lands of Philip Hernan, and below by lands of André Chexnaitre.

This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant proves possession of said land since the year 1792 to the present time.

No. 231. *Alexis Perret* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. John Baptiste, on the right bank of the Mississippi, contain-

ing $3\frac{1}{2}$ arpens front and 40 arpens in depth; bounded on one side by lands of Terence Le Blanc, and on the other side by Magloire Martin.

This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant proves possession and cultivation by himself, and by those under whom he claims, from the year 1787 to the present time.

No. 232. *Henry Lorvaux* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. John Baptiste, right bank of the Mississippi, containing 5 arpens front, and 40 arpens in depth; bounded on one side by lands of C. Darensbourg, and on the other side by lands of Charles Pané.

This land is claimed by purchase, and successive sales show that it has been in possession from the year 1787. The sale dated in that year, expresses 40 arpens in depth, and the sale made to the claimant in 1802, and a survey made in 1813, expresses 80 arpens in depth; but as no written evidence of title appears for the second depth, I am of opinion he is only entitled to the first 40 arpens of depth.

233. *Alexander Lebranche* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. Charles, on the left bank of the Mississippi, beginning at the depth of 40 arpens; already confirmed to claimant, and having the same extent in front as the first, to wit: 15 arpens, and running back to Lake Ponchartrain; bounded above by lands of Labranch Freres, and below by lands of Duverne.

This land is claimed by purchase. The claimant produces sales made for this land, during the Spanish Government, in the year 1779. He also produces the certificate of the commandant and deputy surveyor of said parish at the time, stating that this land was always considered as the property of the claimant; that he acquired it from the succession of André Chiloe, about twenty years ago; and that said land has been possessed and occupied by claimant, and by those under whom he claims, upwards of forty years.

No. 234. *Onexiphore St. Amand* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. Charles, containing nine arpens front and 80 arpens in depth.

This land is claimed by purchase, and claimant produces a deed of sale for said land, made in the year 1789. He also proves, by affidavits, that this land has always been considered the property of the claimant.

No. 235. *Moliere Duverney* claims a tract of land, situate in the parish of St. Charles, left bank of the Mississippi, containing 4 arpens front and 40 arpens in depth; bounded on both sides by lands of Alexander Labranche.

This land is claimed by purchase, and the claimant proves possession by himself, and by those under whom he claims, upwards of thirty years.

No. 236. *Jacque Verret* claims a tract of land, situate on both sides of the bayou Terrebonne, in the county of Lafourche, containing 600 superficial acres; bounded above by lands of ——— Verret, and below by lands of Nicholas Bertrand.

No. 237. *Solomon Verret* claims a tract of land situate on bayou Terrebonne, containing 20 arpens front on each side of said bayou; bounded on the upper side by lands of Edward Verret, and below by lands of N. Bertrand.

No. 238. *Edward Verret* claims a tract of land, situate on the bayou Terrebonne, containing 20 acres on each side of said bayou; bounded on the upper side by lands of Joseph Verret, and below by lands of Solomon Verret.

No. 239. *F. Verret* claims a tract of land, situate on bayou Terrebonne, county of Lafourche, containing 600 superficial acres; bounded on one side by lands of Jaques Verret, and on the other side by lands of Solomon Verret.

The claimants in these four last claims produce affidavits proving that the aforesaid tracts of land, (being adjoining to each other,) were granted by the proper Spanish officer to the claimants; and also stating that they were severally inhabited prior to the year 1800.

No. 240. *Nicholas Bertrand* claims a tract of land, situate on the bayou Terrebonne, in the county of Lafourche, containing 600 superficial acres; bounded on one side by lands of — Verret.

This claim is founded on the same title as the preceding four claims.

No. 241. *Charles Berto* claims a tract of land, containing 600 superficial acres; bounded on one side by lands of Hypolite Hebert, and on the other side by lands of — Verret, situate on the bayou Terrebonne; claiming on each side of said bayou the above recited number of acres.

The claimant proves possession and cultivation prior to the year 1800.

No. 242. *Joseph Hebert* claims a tract of land, situate on the right bank of the bayou Lafourche, containing a front of 2 acres; bounded above by lands of Pierre Lazene, and below by Church lands.

This claim is founded on possession and cultivation, proved ten years prior to the 20th December, 1803.

No. 243. *Pierre Billio* claims a tract of land, situate on the bayou Terrebonne, containing 20 arpens front on each side of the said bayou and about 6 arpens deep; bounded on one side by Charles Billio, and on the other by — Billio.

The claimant proves possession and cultivation prior to the year 1800.

No. 244. *Charles Billio* claims a tract of land, situate in the bayou Terrebonne, county of Lafourche, containing 20 arpens front on each side of said bayou, and 10 arpens in depth; bounded on one side by Pierre Billio, and on the other side by E. Billio.

The claimant proves possession and cultivation prior to the year 1800.

No. 245. *Antoine Babin* claims a tract of land, situate in the county of Lafourche, containing 640 superficial acres, on the bayou running back near the black bayou, and the bayou Terrebonne.

The claimant proves possession and cultivation prior to the year 1800.

No. 246. *George Toupes* claims a tract of land, situate in the county of Lafourche, containing 10 arpens front on both sides of the bayou Grand Callon, and 20 arpens in depth, joining lands of Edmund Fangy.

The claimant proves possession and cultivation prior to the year 1800.

No. 247. *Edmund Fangy* claims a tract of land, situate in the county of Lafourche, containing 10 arpens front on both sides of the bayou Grand Callon, and 20 arpens in depth, joining lands of George Toupes.

The claimant proves possession and cultivation prior to the year 1800.

No. 248. *Auguste Roger* claims a tract of land, situate in the county of Lafourche, containing 640 superficial acres, and being on the little bayou Terrebonne, adjoining the claim of John B. Roger.

The claimant proves possession and cultivation of this land prior to the year 1800.

No. 249. *Marianne Erice* claims a tract of land, situate in the county of Lafourche, containing 20 arpens front and 10 arpens deep, on both sides of the bayou Terrebonne, adjoining the lands of Dardan.

The claimant proves possession and cultivation prior to the year 1800.

No. 250. *Antoine Bontary* claims a tract of land of 640 acres superficial, being on the bayou Callon, blue water, and the bayou Terrebonne, county of Lafourche.

The claimant proves possession and cultivation prior to the year 1800.

No. 251. *Etienne Billiot* claims a tract of land, situate in the county of Lafourche, containing 358 superficial acres, being on the bayou Terrebonne, adjoining the claim of Marianne Erice.

The claimant proves possession and cultivation of this land prior to the year 1800.

No. 252. *John Dejan* claims a tract of land situated in the county of Lafourche, on both sides of the bayou Terrebonne, containing nine hundred and forty-four superficial arpens, adjoining the lands of the widow of Joseph Crusse.

The claimant proves possession and cultivation of this land ten years prior to 20th December, 1803.

No. 253. *Alexander Le Jeune* claims a tract of land situate in the county of Lafourche, on the little bayou Terrebonne, containing about five hundred superficial acres, adjoining the claim of Auguste Roger. The claimant proves possession and cultivation prior to the year 1800.

No. 254. *Joseph Dianne* claims a tract of land situate in the county of Lafourche, containing three hundred and twenty superficial acres on both sides of the bayou Terrebonne.

The claimant proves possession and cultivation of this land ten years prior to the 20th December, 1803.

No. 255. *Thomas Clarke* claims a tract of land situate in the

county of Lafourche, on the bayou Terrebonne, containing four hundred and seventy superficial acres.

The claimant proves possession and cultivation of this land ten years prior to the 20th December, 1803.

No. 256. *Alexander Boudin* claims a tract of land situate in the county of Point Coupé, at a place called Point Du Manoir, at the eastern mouth of Fausse Riviere, containing forty arpens in front on the Mississippi, and forty arpens in depth, bounded on one side by the channel of Fausse Riviere, and on the other side by the river Mississippi.

The claimant, in support of his claim, exhibits successive deeds of sale, from the year 1774, down to himself; he also produces a certified copy of a petition made to the then commandant of the parish, dated in the year 1767, by which, it appears said commandant had no objection to granting said land.

No. 257. *John Mary Campo* claims a tract of land situate in the county of Lafourche, containing six hundred and forty superficial acres on both sides of the Terrebonne bayou, adjoining the lands of Thomas Fitch.

The claimant produces the certificate of the proper Spanish officer, stating his permission to settle on said land, and, also, proof that the land was inhabited and cultivated prior to 1803.

No. 258. *Joseph Haché* claims a tract of land situate in the county of Lafourche, interior, lying on both sides of the Bayou Terrebonne, containing twenty arpens front, and ten arpens in depth, adjoining the lands of Thomas Fitch.

The claimant produces proofs of permission to settle on this land, by the proper Spanish offices, and, also, proof of habitation and cultivation prior to 1803.

No. 259. *P. D'Antin* claims a tract of land situate in the county of Lafourche, on a bayou called Bayou Grand Brulé, adjoining Bayou Blue Water, and containing six arpens front, and twenty arpens in depth.

The claimant proves possession and cultivation of this land prior to the year 1800.

No. 260. *Charles D'Antin* claims a tract of land situate in the county of Lafourche, on a bayou called Grand Brulé, and adjoining bayou Blue Water, containing six arpens front, and twenty arpens in depth.

The claimant proves possession and cultivation of this land prior to 20th December, 1803.

No. 261. *John Baptiste Roger* claims a tract of land situate in the county of Lafourche, on the little bayou Terrebonne, containing six hundred and forty acres superficial.

No. 262. *Widow Cheté* claims a tract of land situate in the county of Lafourche, on the right side descending the bayou Lafourche, containing twelve arpens front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded on one side by lands of widow Baptiste Leonard.

Jaques Rigaud claims a tract of land situate in the county of La-

fourche, right side of the bayou Lafourche, containing sixty arpens front, and twenty arpens in depth, about fifteen leagues from the Mississippi river.

No. 263. The inhabitants of the parish of Lafourche interior, claim a tract of land as a burying ground in said parish, at a distance of fifteen leagues from the Mississippi, containing about five arpens front, and forty arpens in depth.

No. 264. *Maria Bruné* claims a tract of land situate in the county of Lafourche, right bank of the bayou Lafourche, containing six arpens in front, by forty arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of John Mayzen, and on the lower side by lands of Silvier Blanc.

In the preceding five claims, the claimants prove possession and occupation ten years prior to the 20th December, 1803.

No. 265. *John Charles Terrio* claims a tract of land situate in the county of Lafourche, on the bayou Grand Callon, between bayou La Cere and bayou Le Bon, containing six hundred and forty superficial acres.

The claimant proves possession and cultivation of this land prior to the year 1800.

No. 266. *The widow Crousse*, and the heirs of Antoine Albarrow claim a tract of land situate in the county of Lafourche, on bayou Terrebonne, containing twenty arpens front, and ten arpens in depth, adjoining lands of Alexander Verdain and Joseph Deson.

The claimants prove possession and cultivation of this land prior to the year 1803.

No. 267. *Peter Williams* claims a tract of land situate in the county of Lafourche, containing twenty arpens front on both sides of bayou Terrebonne, and thirty arpens in depth, adjoining lands of C. Berto.

The claimant proves permission to settle this land by the proper Spanish officer, and also possession and cultivation prior to the year 1800.

No. 268. *Louis D'Antin, Jr.* claims a tract of land situate in the county of Lafourche, on the bayou Grand Brulé, containing six arpens front, and twenty arpens in depth, adjoining bayou Blue Water.

The claimant proves possession and cultivation of this land ten years prior to the 20th December, 1803.

No. 269. *Louis D'Antin, senr.* claims a tract of land situate in the county of Lafourche, right bank of the bayou Lafourche, containing about thirteen arpens front, and forty arpens in depth, bounded above by lands of the heirs of Louis Pinell, and below by lands of the widow Nicholas Bertrand.

The claimant proves possession and cultivation ten years prior to 20th December, 1803.

No. 270. *Fabien D'Antin* claims a tract of land situate in the county of Lafourche, on the bayou Grand Brulé, containing twelve arpens front, and twenty arpens in depth, adjoining bayou Blue Water.

The claimant proves possession and cultivation prior to the year 1803.

No. 271. *John Guillot* claims a tract of land situate in the county of Lafourche, behind a depth of forty arpens, at a place called *Grand Chene*, containing six hundred and eight $\frac{17}{100}$ superficial acres.

The claimant proves possession and cultivation prior to the year 1800.

No. 272. *Baptiste D'Antin* claims a tract of land situate in the county of Lafourche, on bayou Grand Brulé, containing six arpens front, and twenty arpens in depth, adjoining the bayou Blue Water.

The claimant proves possession and cultivation prior to the year 1800.

No. 273. *John Mason* claims a tract of land situate in the county of Lafourche, containing twenty arpens front on each side of bayou Terrebonne, and thirty arpens in depth, adjoining the claim of Peter Williams.

The claimant proves permission to settle said land by the proper Spanish officer, and also possession and cultivation prior to the year 1800.

No. 274. The widow and heirs of Albert Beau Sergent claim a tract of land situate in the county of Lafourche, containing thirty arpens front on the bayou Coillon, and thirty arpens in depth.

The claimants prove possession and cultivation of this land upwards of thirty years.

The preceding claims, comprehended in class III. are not founded on either Spanish grants, concessions, or orders of survey, exhibited to me, and are therefore not embraced by the *literal* meaning of the act of 11th May, 1820; but, as I believe they are within the spirit of that act, I have thought it proper to report them. I infer this from analogy to former laws on the subject. By previous acts of Congress, claims in Louisiana have been recognized as valid, which were founded solely on settlement rights, provided the habitation and cultivation was shown to be on the 20th December, 1803, or anterior to that period. All the cases reported in this class, are proved to have been in peaceable possession, either by the claimants, or those under whom they claim, before, and some of them long previously to, the 20th December, 1803, and therefore would have been valid under former laws to which I have alluded. But I think the mere fact of the long and uninterrupted possession of those lands, under the Government of Spain, is strong presumptive proof that the original settlers or claimants had a good title to the land claimed. It is a well known fact, that some of the Spanish Governors of the province of Louisiana, and particularly the Intendant Morales, were extremely tenacious of the lands belonging to the royal domain, and made strict inquiries as to the right of individuals, for the express purpose of detecting frauds against the Government.

It is fair to conclude, in my opinion, that, if the present claimants, or those under whom they hold, had not good titles for their lands, they would have been ejected. If good titles for those lands ever existed, the question naturally arises, Why are they not produced? Various reasons might be assigned for their non production, but the most obvious which occur to me are the following: Lands, as they

are now claimed, are generally very different in their local descriptions, from what they were when originally granted, owing to the various successions from fathers to their children, and the subdivisions arising from sales: so that, although a large plantation may have been regularly granted by former Governments, yet its subdivisions since that period, are so described, as to boundaries, that it is extremely difficult, and, in some cases, impossible, to trace them to the original source; and this difficulty is still more increased, from the loose manner in which grants to land were made by the Spanish Government: frequently on loose sheets of paper, afterwards stitched together in the form of a book, which, from time or accident, are in many places much mutilated.

But another reason for the non production of the title papers in these claims may arise from their actual destruction. It is a well known fact, and specially proven in some claims embraced by these reports, that the archives of the Spanish Government suffered greatly by the fire which happened in the city of New Orleans in the year 1794, and it is equally notorious, that a considerable portion of the archives were removed to Pensacola, and from thence to Havana, and, on the passage to the latter place, were plundered by pirates.

All circumstances considered, and for the reasons deduced, which are respectfully submitted, I am of opinion, all the claims included in this class, ought to be confirmed.

SAMUEL H. HARPER, *Register.*

New Orleans, 6th January, 1821.

CLASS FOURTH.

275. Pierre Leglise claims a tract of land situate in the county of Point Coupé, on the west side of the Mississippi, containing sixteen arpens in front, by forty in depth, and bounded on one side by land of Francis Masan, and on the other by land of J. B. Rabelais.

This claim was submitted to the late Board of Commissioners for this district, and by them rejected on the ground of *abandonment* on the part of the claimant. The facts before the board were, that the claimant purchased this land in the year 1806, from the heirs of Jean Pierre Dargulon, and produced, in support of his claim, the affidavit of two of the inhabitants of the district, that it was within their knowledge that Jean Pierre Dargulon was proprietor of, and did inhabit and cultivate this land upwards of twenty-five years from the date of making the affidavit, viz: from the 28th December, 1806, and that it had always been considered his property up to that period. The claimant now corroborates the proof of possession by other affidavits, as far back as the year 1775 or 1776. The late board having rejected a number of other claims in the same district of county precisely similar to this, and which were re-entered afterwards in virtue of a law extending the time for that purpose, it became my duty, together with the Receiver of Public Moneys, to consider these cases, and report our opinion thereon, which we did, under the title of "Reports of the Register and Receiver of Public Moneys of the East-

ern District of the state of Louisiana," &c. and dated the 20th November, 1816, which reports were confirmed by the act of Congress on the 11th May, 1820.

The same facts in relation to the claims thus reported, and afterwards confirmed by Congress, also exist in this case, and are as follows: The additional evidence filed in support of the claims reported as aforesaid, prove that, in the year 1776 or 1777, Governor Galvez issued grants for all the lands in the district where those and this claim lie; that they were, for some years, constantly inhabited and cultivated; that, in the summer of 1779, all dykes, levees, houses, &c. were swept away by the overflowing of the river Mississippi, so that all the inhabitants of that part of the country were compelled to leave their habitations; that they, however, always maintained a kind of possession by cutting timber, taking fire-wood, &c.; that the abandonment was involuntary and temporary; and that, when the country became habitable, the original occupants returned.

The same witnesses further stated, that no person was permitted to settle on lands in that part of the country without previously having obtained a grant from the Commandant or Governor; but that the people in general were ignorant of the importance of land titles, and often lost or mislaid them. Upon these facts, we reported favorably on the claims alluded to, as may be seen more at large in the case of Charles Gross, No. 475, and which was confirmed by the act of Congress of 11th May, 1820. The same facts exist in this claim, and the same reasoning is equally applicable to it; and as those of a similar nature have already been confirmed, and having no reason to change my opinion, formerly expressed, I am, consequently, of opinion this claim ought to be confirmed.

No. 276. *Pierre Leglise* claims a tract of land, situated in the county of Point Coupé, on the west side of the River Mississippi, containing 6 arpens in front and 40 in depth; bounded on each side by lands of Beleny Chatity.

This land is claimed by purchase from Baptiste Lemoine. The same facts occur in this case as in the preceding; consequently, my opinion is the same.

No. 277. *Pierre Leglise* claims a tract of land, situate on the west side of the Mississippi, county of Point Coupé, containing 18 arpens in front and 40 arpens in depth; bounded on one side by land claimed by Mr. Mariann, and on the other side by lands claimed by Louis Gremillion. This land is claimed by purchase. This is a similar claim to the preceding.

No. 278. *Lerron La Cour* claims a tract of land, situate in the county of Point Coupé, west side of the Mississippi, containing 7 arpens front and 40 arpens in depth; bounded on one side by lands of widow Pierre Decuir, and on the other side by lands of widow Crozat.

This land is claimed by purchase, and is similar to the preceding.

SAM. H. HARPER,

Register Land Office E. District Louisiana.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 6, 1821.